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Trevor Francis, England's two-goal
hero in Belfast, playing against
Bulgaria in Sofia last June.

IS LIVERPOOL'S REIGN OVER?

**TERRY VENABLES WRITES
FOR YOU**

RON Greenwood could be poised to do away with the traditional style of centre-forward which has served England so well over the years.

The England manager hints that he is by no means committed to this method of breaking down tough international defences.

In the past England have used such battling blunt instruments as Ted Drake, Tommy Lawton, Nat Lofthouse, Tommy Taylor, Bobby Smith, Martin Chivers, Joe Royle and Bob Latchford in the number nine shirt.

They relied on strength and infinite courage, allied to skill. They



**EUROPEAN
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**ENGLAND v BULGARIA
at Wembley**

NO CENTRE-FORWARD

**That could be
RON GREENWOOD'S
new formula for
England**

were physical and brave.

Their job has been to harass, bustle and bulldoze a path through defences; to take the weight off the lighter forwards snapping at their shoulders, and to cause general mayhem in the opposing penalty-area in their quest for goals.

Now, a wind of change appears to be blowing gently through the oak panelled rooms of the Football Association's headquarters at Lancaster Gate, London, as England's squad prepares for their European Championship battle against Bulgaria, at Wembley, on Wednesday, November 21.

Greenwood is too shrewd to commit himself to extravagant statements about the game in general, but he suggests that England could field a side without a recognised centre-forward if the situation determines such an unorthodox move.

"Do you need a centre-forward?" argued Greenwood in an exclusive interview with SHOOT.

"I'm not sure you do. I shook a few people at West Ham when I used 'Budgie' Byrne as a striker. He had no height and not much weight, but he was mighty effective. Nothing like your traditional type of centre-forward."

So are Bob Latchford's days numbered in his striking capacity for England?

Greenwood, typically, would not be drawn, but went on to suggest that if a Football League club has a 6ft. 3ins. giant striker, weighing 15 stone, who scores goals regularly, he would inevitably be considered for selection.

"People knock Bob. They underestimate the man. Kevin (Keegan) doesn't. Kevin likes nothing better

"Ask Kevin Keegan what he thinks of Bob Latchford's service?" says Greenwood.



than to play alongside Bob, feeding off the balls he gives him. Bob is a lot more mobile, with more control, than his critics realise.

"What I am saying is that my mind is open on the issue. No manager worth his salt would dispense with Kenny Dalglish if he had him available to play at centre-forward. But if you haven't got the man to fill that role, then you sometimes have to think of other things."

Greenwood has an increasing admiration for Trevor Francis's skills. No one was more delighted than the England manager when Francis's two goals helped sink Northern Ireland 5-1 in Belfast last month.

"He's a delight to have in the squad," beams Greenwood. "He's what I'd call a free player. So good that he can fill several roles if necessary. He can only get better with a successful club like Forest."

Greenwood does not underestimate Bulgaria, despite disappointing performances in the European Championship. They have claimed only five points from seven matches but will field a young, talented side against England that is searching for the right blend. Their sights, admits Greenwood, must now be confined to next year's Olympics.

"I was delighted when they beat Denmark 3-0 last month. It shows they must be respected. We will have to be on our mettle."

"But I think the Wembley fans will enjoy the match. There will be

no let up so far as we are concerned."

Ron Greenwood believes he is within striking distance of achieving the blend and balance he has sought since taking over the England team from Don Revie.

"But there is still some way to go. My formation is a tribute to League Champions Liverpool. Their group of England players have formed a nucleus from which I can formulate things."

"It reminds me of the philosopher who said: 'Simplicity is genius'."

Ron Greenwood rejects his image of a "thinking" manager, academic but not practical.

"David Coleman described me on the BBC's Grandstand programme once as a 'student of the game'."

"I hope managers are all students, but I've never used a blackboard in my life."

"I've always preached the need for 'thinking' players. 'Robots' are not my cup of tea."

There is no doubt that he is delighted to have Dave Watson back in the fold after his brief excursion to West Germany.

"The trip will have done him no harm," says Greenwood. "It is good for some, not for others. There are many grey areas in going abroad, but I'd never stop anyone going."

Seeking criticism of his England is a wasted exercise, yet he concedes that England should be more 'adventurous'.

The recent Spain-Yugoslavia match had been an eye-opener. "The way the Spaniards came through from the back was a joy to behold. It breaks down man-to-man marking systems."

"I'd like to see England achieve such mobility, pace and freedom. Our players are not quite so good running with the ball. I once told Trevor Brooking that he was the best runner with the ball since Bobby Charlton, but he had to be encouraged to go with it."

"That's what England have got. Intelligence, receptive minds, but above all — they're proud to play for their country."

"For that you can thank my coaching assistants, England's doctor and physiotherapist, and the entire backroom staff. It goes that deep."

Bulgaria's Bonev



All change in Bulgaria

BULGARIAN football continues at a low ebb both domestically and particularly at an international level where with five points from seven matches, European Championship prospects are non-existent.

Interest outside the capital Sofia is minimal. Perhaps it is not surprising when the last provincial team to win the Championship was back in 1967.

This season the League has already developed into a two horse race with Sofia clubs Slavia and CSKA, the Army side, neck and neck after only 12 matches.

Levski Spartak, the Champions and Cup winners, have slumped badly and there has been the scandal over international midfielder player Zdravkov trying to transfer himself from Lokomotiv Sofia to CSKA and getting a life ban for his trouble.

Sofia itself which was once a Bulgarian bastion and a difficult place for any visiting side to obtain a result has become a comparatively easy venue. In the last year both Northern Ireland and England have had comfortable victories respectively by two and three clear goals.

Bulgaria have won only two games in a year: they beat the Republic of Ireland 1-0 in May and Denmark 3-0 last month. In the Eire match Tzvetkov and Jeliazkov, who are the two leading marksmen in the League this season for Slavia, showed a useful partnership. But they were unimpressive against England last June and in the most recent defeat 3-0 against Eire in Dublin.

Wholesale changes in the team have had little effect. Managers have come and gone as quickly and Tzvetan Itchev who was given the job after making a reasonable success of the Olympic team was axed after the debacle against

England.

The latest occupant of the hot seat is Dragomir Taschkov a former Slavia centre-forward and international. He reckons: "There are no European opponents who are cannon fodder now and I must use the remaining Championship matches to form the basis of my future team."

Unfortunately, Bulgaria have never been able to replace quality players like Kolev, Asparoukhov, Yakimov, Bonev, Penev and Jekov.

Christo Bonev the most capped Bulgarian with 96 appearances was brought back briefly against Argentina in April but at 32 is considered past his best.

Recent teams have been built on the Levski-Slavia-CSKA-Lokomotiv Sofia lines but they might have to try some Beroe Stara Zagora players. Beroe beat Juventus 1-0 in the Cup-Winners' Cup first-leg and are the only Bulgarian survivors in Europe. Along with Lokomotiv Sofia whose 4-2 lead over Monaco in the U.E.F.A. Cup was achieved solely through the lethal left-foot of 30-year-old captain and midfielder player Atanase Mikhailov.

Still little blame can be attached to Rumen Goranov the 29-year-old goalkeeper who has 32 caps and was elected Footballer of the Year last season because he was probably the most active member of the national side!

GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
England	6	5	1	0	18	5	+13	11
Eire	6	2	3	1	9	5	+4	7
N. Ireland	7	3	1	3	7	14	-7	7
Bulgaria	7	2	1	4	6	12	-6	5
Denmark	8	1	2	5	13	17	-5	4



'Budgie' Byrne, former West Ham and England forward.



"Trevor Francis is a 'free player', who can only get better at Forest," says the England manager.

JOCK STEIN does not deal in nonsense. When he says Scotland can still reach the European Championship Finals in Rome next year he really means it.

Stein will not admit defeat until it is mathematically impossible for the Scots to win the section. The position is plain at the moment... Scotland **MUST** beat Belgium in Brussels on Wednesday (Nov. 21) and then follow this up with two more victories — against the Belgians at Hampden on December 19 and Portugal, again in Glasgow, on February 5.

Scotland have left themselves with an awful lot to do and it is difficult to look back without anger on Alan Rough's admitted and accepted blunder in the previous match against Austria. It cost Scotland a point and it has left Stein with a problem.

Will he give Rough another chance? Or will the axe fall? And if the chop does come down, who comes in?

Stein has watched Bristol City's John Shaw, a free transfer from Leeds five seasons ago, and he has also had good reports on Luton's Jake Findlay. But it is unlikely that Stein will look past Everton's George Wood, whose performances have not been without controversy.

Wood, of course, dropped a clanger at Wembley earlier this year when he made a complete mess of a shot from Ray Wilkins and allowed Steve Coppell to nip in and stroke the ball over the line for England's vital second goal in their 3-1 victory.

But he stands a good chance of getting another opportunity to restore his international prestige against the Belgians.

St. Mirren's polished left-back Iain Munro has forced out Nottingham Forest's £400,000 Frankie Gray for the matches against Argentina, Norway, Peru and Austria and he may again play against Belgium.

"Obviously it means a lot to me to play for Scotland," says Munro. "I'm a late starter to the international arena, but I really enjoy the experience."

"We played fairly well against Austria and Peru before that. There is a pattern emerging and we need a little bit of luck."

SCOTLAND v BELGIUM in Brussels



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'We can still do it'

— Manager **JOCK STEIN**

"Belgium? They have the home advantage, but they would be foolish to dismiss us. Mr. Stein has got every player in his team playing for him. No one is guaranteed a place because the competition is so stiff."

"I would like to play, but I take absolutely nothing for granted. We're all fighting for our places and we will obviously back the boss's decisions 100 per cent."

Stein isn't likely to throw caution to the wind in Brussels. He knows the importance of winning. He also knows the importance of keeping the back door shut when his team pushes men into scoring positions.

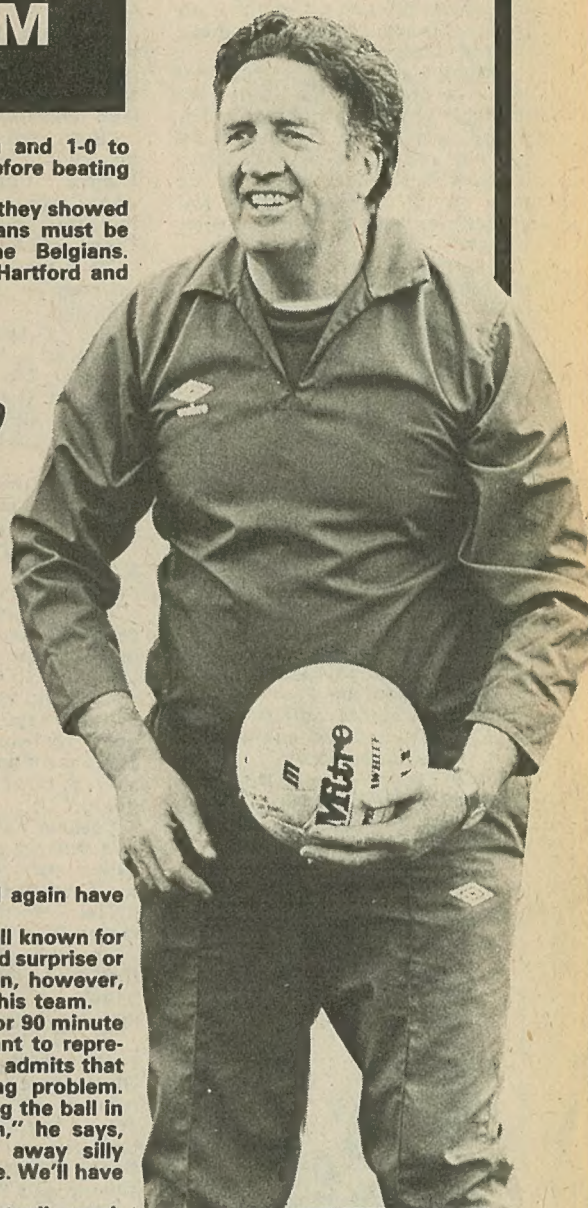
It will be interesting to see Scotland's tactical set-up. A lot will obviously depend upon the fitness and availability of Andy Gray and Joe Jordan up-front.

"The boys who are selected won't let down their country," says Munro. "We were all as sick as they were after the Austria game. The odds might be against us, but football is a strange game at times."

Scotland have lost two out of their three away games in this section so far. They went down 3-2

to Austria in Vienna and 1-0 to Portugal in Lisbon before beating Norway 4-0 in Oslo.

The sharpshooting they showed against the Norwegians must be repeated against the Belgians. Kenny Dalglish, Asa Hartford and



Gordon McQueen will again have key roles.

Stein, though, is well known for coming up with the odd surprise or two. A lot will happen, however, before he formulates his team.

He will be looking for 90 minute men, players who want to represent their country. He admits that there is a goalscoring problem. "We just aren't putting the ball in the net often enough," he says, "and we are giving away silly goals at the same time. We'll have to work on that."

Whether Scotland actually reach Rome remains to be seen, but Scotland could surprise a lot of so-called world 'experts' with their form in Brussels.

And, for a change, it could be a happy surprise for the long-suffering tartan clad army.

GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Austria	7	3	3	1	12	6	+6	9
Portugal	6	4	1	1	8	5	+3	9
Belgium	6	2	4	0	7	4	+3	8
Scotland	5	2	1	2	10	7	+3	5
Norway	8	0	1	7	5	20	-15	1

THIS game promises to be a feast of attacking football. The issue is quite simple: both sides have to win their remaining Group Two ties to overtake Austria and Portugal.

Neither team has set the international world alight this year. Scotland have produced some outstanding performances, yet have failed to win and press home their advantage.

Belgium are unbeaten in the group, yet they have drawn four of their six games and are only just emerging from a transitional period.

Their 32-year-old captain, Julian Cools, told Danny Geerts: "A couple of years ago our manager, Guy Thijs, started to rebuild the national team by introducing youngsters."

"Recently, one or two players have been promoted from the Youth side. Combined with the

'I hope Scotland attack'

says
**Belgium captain
JULIAN COOLS**

more experienced players, such as Van Moer, Van der Eycken and myself, they are helping to make the Belgium team a good one again.

"It's still difficult to say who will win the group. Portugal must be favourites, even though we beat them 2-0 in Brussels recently."

"The game against Scotland won't be easy for us, even though the Scots have been rather disappointing since Argentina. They will want to restore their pride."



"Scotland **MUST** come and attack in Brussels, which will suit us."

"I rate the English First Division as the toughest in the world, and as most of the Scotland team play in it, we are under no illusions about the quality of our opponents."

"Scotland's fighting-spirit is also very good and we must look out for every player, not just one or two."

Less than 10,000 fans watched Belgium's victory over Portugal, but Cools believes there will be more next week.

"It is a problem peculiar to Belgium. In our bi-lingual country players are looked upon as either Flemish or Walloons, not as Belgians!"

"I'm sure more fans will want to see Scotland, though, and I think they'll see a hard and exciting game."



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NORTHERN IRELAND v REPUBLIC of IRELAND at Windsor Park

THE worries and fears surrounding the Irish Republic's first visit to Ulster for an international match are not shared by the players.

That is the news from an Eire camp now more concerned with building for the 1982 World Cup qualifying matches than trying to do what they regard to be the impossible, preventing England from reaching Rome next year.

David O'Leary, the Republic's brilliant centre-half, stepped out of

there was the possibility of trouble, the game would not be played at Windsor Park. It is as simple as that.

"But England play there regularly without incident. In fact the fans always give the English team a great welcome.

"Personally it will be a first for me. I have never played North of the border before, and I expect that goes for a big percentage of the Republic lads.

"We expect a good game and a very tight one. But we are going for both points. If we can't win this Group One we want to make sure we finish runners-up to England.

"Wins breed confidence and our away record has let us down in the past. So a win in Belfast would keep things bubbling along nicely with the World Cup qualifying matches looming."

NO FEARS!

**DAVID O'LEARY
sees no
problems when
Eire visit Belfast**

a tough training session to set the scene for a game which many people fear could see a repeat of recent troubles witnessed in Dublin.

Followers of Linfield from the North rioted during a European Cup preliminary round match against Dundalk in Dublin on August 29. As a result of the disturbances, the second-leg was played in Haarlem, Holland, Dundalk winning 2-0.

But O'Leary believes that such fears are nothing more than hysteria and points out: "When Northern Ireland played us in Dublin, the prophets of doom predicted all sorts of trouble. There was none. We drew 0-0, and the only trouble with that was the loss of a crucial European Championship point.

"That draw, plus our disappointing performance while losing 1-0 to a poor Bulgaria, leaves the way clear for England to reach the Finals. I can't see anybody stopping them.

"Quite honestly if we thought, or the authorities, thought, that

Action from Northern Ireland's (dark shirt) first clash with Eire.



An Irish victory this time?

THEIR first meeting at full international level in Dublin 14 months ago was billed as the match that Ireland could not lose, but ended up as the game that Ireland could not win.

And although it is still a prestige tie, the outcome of next Wednesday's (Nov 21st) European Championship game between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland at Windsor Park is not going to have a deciding effect on who qualifies from Group One.

In the unlikely event of Bulgaria beating England, Eire will be hoping to get two points in Belfast. Even then they would have to beat England at Wembley, but the English would still get through on superior goal difference.

The mood in the Republic is one of confidence following their 3-0 win over Bulgaria last month and manager Johnny Giles told SHOOT "Obviously England are through, but the main thing now for us is to give the younger players in the squad a chance. We are hoping for a win in Belfast which would guarantee us the runners-up spot."

But for the loss of a point in Copenhagen and a disastrous per-

formance in Sofia last May, Giles' men would be in a more challenging position now. However, the Eire boss claims that they have learned from their past mistakes and in future the attitude of the players will be right on the day.

Northern Ireland's morale must be low following the defeat by England, while Eire have the memory of that excellent win over Bulgaria on their minds and Eire will be wearing the green this time!

David McCreery will probably be given the job of shadowing Liam Brady once again. McCreery's tactics worked at Lansdowne Road last September but Giles is not worried by this man to man marking "We have plenty more good players who can take the pressure off Liam," he said.

Gerry Peyton must be doubtful because of an injury of his finger, but Brighton's Mark Lawrenson is hoping to be fit.

Despite the scoreless draw last time there was a great sense of relief all-round that everything went off smoothly. Now that the initial excitement has worn off perhaps we will see a more attacking game.



TURKEY v WALES in Izmir

Karl-Heinz Forster scores for West Germany against Wales in Cologne. The Germans won 5-1.



MIKE Smith stands his ground. The unflappable manager of Wales intends to cash in hard on the lessons of the 5-1 defeat by West Germany in Cologne. "If you lose your heads — as we did in those 25 minutes before half-time when the Germans scored four — you lose sight of everything you've worked for and achieved," he says.

The squad that was shattered in Cologne regroups this weekend before flying out to Izmir to face Turkey. It is their final match in Group Seven of the European Championship.

It is a game no longer with a valid qualifying label... more an exercise in putting together the pieces, rebuilding confidence, reshaping the squad for the World Cup qualifying matches which start next year.

With the U.S.S.R. and Czechoslovakia — not to mention Turkey once again and Iceland — Wales have the toughest World Cup section of any of the British nations. Says Smith firmly: "None of those matches is beyond us."

"For instance, when we played the Czechs in the last World Cup qualifying tournament and beat them by three goals at Wrexham, that was their first defeat in 23 internationals. One defeat in West Germany does not make us a bad side. It is important that we remember that."

"It also matters to realise our attitude going into the game in Cologne. We set out our stall with the most attractive goods we had on offer — attacking football designed to win us the game."

Nevertheless, the shape of the Welsh side for the next three or four years will be slowly moulded — both tactically and in personnel — in Izmir, then in an Under-21 international against Scotland in

Mike Smith says

'We've learned our lesson'

the New Year and finally during the British Championship matches next May.

There is the breathtaking versatility of Jeremy Charles, the rich goalkeeping promise of Martin Thomas, the attacking thrust of Palace youngsters Peter Nicholas and Ian Walsh, the rising fortunes of Paul Price (Luton) and Ian Davies (Newcastle) at two of the Second Division's most successful clubs.

"Yes, we have talent in the squad and we have talent coming through. We have also set standards that we are proud of. We are not going to allow one defeat against opponents who touched greatness to bring us down," emphasises Smith.

Wales could almost certainly have done a great deal better by stringing defenders across the penalty-area in a double-banked line but Smith insists: "I would rather lose by trying to play the right way."

Brave words... and Smith will stand by them. He is the last man to be pushed into panic moves as he maps out Welsh international football for the years ahead. He can point out, with great force, that Wales have lost just two of their last ten internationals.

"And both of those were to West Germany; in fact, a West Germany that is now approaching the heights of the 1974 World Cup winning side. Those 25 minutes in Cologne were world class football

at its finest.

"Peter Nicholas, who has been playing outstandingly for Palace in the First Division this season, summed up everyone's feelings when he said that he had never seen anything so fast in his life."

"I am not going to look for excuses because that is no help to us in the job that now has to be done but the defeat in Cologne stressed one fact that no one can dispute about Wales: to stand a chance against the best, we have to be at full strength."

"When the Germans beat us at Wrexham, we were without Brian Flynn; then a half-paced Terry Yorath had to come off. In Cologne, we were without Yorath and his presence is so essential; he would have held us together. Time after time in the past when the tactical situation has been difficult, he has pointed the way."

GROUP 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	G	Pts
W Germany	4	2	2	0	7	1	+6	6
Wales	5	3	0	2	11	7	+4	6
Turkey	4	2	1	1	4	3	+1	5
Malta	5	0	1	4	2	13	-11	1

TERRY Yorath steps up for his 50th international in the red shirt of Wales when he plays against Turkey in Izmir on Wednesday.

It is almost ten years to the day since his debut against Italy in Rome — and of that team only Yorath survives.

"Every game has been an honour," says the flaxen-haired midfielder of Leeds, Coventry and now Spurs. "The game can offer nothing greater than playing for your country."

"I am looking to go on and become the most capped Welsh player of all time. That's professional ambition and personal pride rolled into one."

With his 50th cap, Yorath overtakes the legendary Billy Meredith and catches Rod Thomas; that leaves only Cliff Jones (59 caps) and Ivor Allchurch (68) ahead of him.

At most, Yorath needs three seasons to overtake Allchurch and achieve the target that has been his dream ever since he was first spotted kicking a football with committed determination for Car-

diff YMCA.

He was bitter about the injury which kept him out of the Welsh team when they lost to West Germany last month. Without his authority Wales were crushed 5-1 and virtually went out of the European Championship.

YORATH goes fifty-up

"We've got to be realistic and accept that our chance of qualifying for the Championship Finals in Rome next summer have virtually gone. Now we have to start again."

"We'll have learned our lessons from Cologne and, from the point of view of preparing ourselves, the game in Izmir starts our next World Cup programme. Turkey are in our qualifying group for that, too, and this game is a wonderful chance to gain a valuable insight into what lies ahead."

It seemed that Yorath's last hope of reaching the Finals of a World Cup disappeared that night

two years ago at Anfield Road when a Wales 'home' match played before a virtually total Scottish crowd crashed to disaster.

"I thought that was my last hope dashed — but no longer. My move to White Hart Lane has made me appreciate that I am quite capable of tackling another World Cup."



This time, we'll get there."

Wales have the toughest group of any British nation, with Russia, Czechoslovakia and Iceland lining up with the Turks as opponents — but the highlights of Yorath's career stresses that neither he, nor Wales, have looked upon any game as a lost cause.

His first battle came with his debut; he had to prove to then manager Dave Bowen that he was worth a second chance following that 4-1 defeat in Rome.

His first game as skipper, under Mike Smith, came in Budapest in 1974 and produced an historic vic-

tory. Wales beat the Hungarians 2-0 and that was the start of the campaign which led them to the Finals of the 1976 European Championship.

"That was a proud moment," agrees Yorath, "and so was the 1-0 win over England at Wembley in 1977. It was the first time we had ever won there."

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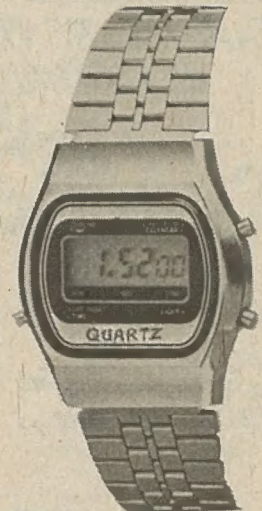


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ONE POINT from our match against Bulgaria at Wembley next Wednesday will be enough to clinch England's place in the European Championship Finals in Italy next summer.

England's tremendous 5-1 victory in Belfast last month has put us in an almost impregnable position at the head of Group One.

Unfortunately for Britain, the prospects of Wales, beaten in West Germany and Scotland, held to a 1-1 draw by Austria at Hampden, are well, to be honest . . . hopeless.

Somebody wrote to me recently and said that England shouldn't get too complacent over their win in Belfast as Northern Ireland fielded perhaps their worst side for years.

True, Danny Blanchflower's team hardly looked like ending their record of not having beaten England at Windsor Park for 52 years, but to score five goals away from home against any country at international level just has to be a fine performance.

The Irish only really threatened England twice in a brief period in the second-half, when Vic Moreland scored from the penalty-spot and Sammy McIlroy had a shot saved brilliantly by Peter Shilton.

Many critics are predicting England's game against Bulgaria will be

an academic exercise. I doubt whether it will be that.

Ron Greenwood considers this Cup-tie as important as the first match in our Group, against Denmark in Copenhagen back in September, 1978.

Although he may well make a few changes to the side that beat Northern Ireland he will ensure the balance of the team will not be affected.

I hope to be among those lucky enough to be in the 11, or even on the substitute's bench.

Mr. Greenwood has already promised that most of the lads in the squad will get a game before Rome. This could be my chance to prove I'm a better choice than current number two Phil Neal.

I don't know very much about Bulgaria, except they have a new manager who has changed the whole structure of the side over recent months.

I doubt if there will be any survivors from the team beaten 3-0 by England in Sofia last June.

That victory confirmed that Bulgaria can no longer be classed among the most distinguished of soccer nations.

But it was a hard-earned win for England on a hot, strength-sapping evening, against a stubborn, often



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Peter's performance was perhaps clouded by his running feud with Grunchev.

Grunch is right for that lad who felled Barnsie with a vicious kidney punch.

Ron Greenwood, sensing a flare-up between the two, diplomatically pulled Peter off and sent-on Tony Woodcock.

Bulgaria improved towards the end in Sofia, but too late to stop England finishing in encouraging style.

I suspect Bulgaria will come to Wembley determined not to lose.

People have often asked me why England don't do well at Wembley. The reason is simple.

Opponents raise their game when they play there. Just like smaller clubs going to Anfield in Cup-ties.

It's their Cup Final, a big occasion. They regard playing at Wembley as a milestone and to hold England, or win, is regarded as a

major triumph.

Bulgaria will be no different, so don't expect a scintillating display from England.

We'll win, of course, but probably not by as great a margin as critics would like.

Naturally England would like Bulgaria to adopt a nothing-to-lose, devil-may-care attitude.

But as they have no chance of qualifying for Rome the Bulgars will be fighting for pride and a boost to their confidence. A good result at Wembley against an ever improving England team will give them that boost.

As I write I don't know Ron



Greenwood's plans, but I hope he plays me and maybe introduce a couple of new faces into the squad.

One youngster I would very much like to see given the opportunity of proving himself at the highest international level is Kevin Reeves of Norwich City.

This lad impresses me more every time I see him and is surely destined to go to the very top. No wonder his boss John Bond has rejected bids of over one million pounds for him.

He'll surely come into the reckoning for the World Cup which starts next year with the qualifying rounds.

England received a tremendous boost when the draw was made last month.

As you probably know, well you should do if you read SHOOT regularly, England have been seeded as one of the top nations, despite our failure to qualify for the last two World Cup Finals.

We are in Group Four along with Hungary, Switzerland, Rumania and Norway.

Two countries qualify and England, on current form should go through with Hungary.

But Spain, 1982 seems a long way off at the moment. My main concern at present is for England to beat Bulgaria next week . . . and for Forest to maintain our recent return to form.

Clicked

After losing 1-0 at Manchester City on October 13th, we suddenly clicked into gear against Bolton a week later.

The boss was really pleased with our 5-2 winning performance at the City Ground.

He was particularly delighted with our young midfielder Gary Mills and Trevor Francis, whose return to the side has been such an influence. Trevor scored against Bolton . . . so did I.

I just hope Forest can earn more accolades against Brighton at the City Ground this Saturday (November 17th).

We played and beat them in the League Cup last season and were impressed with their team.

Unfortunately they've found it difficult to adjust this season following their promotion.

I certainly didn't expect them to be a soaring success, but I didn't think they'd be struggling either.

Their new signing Ray Clarke from Bruges should make a difference up-front, but not enough to seriously trouble our big lad in the middle of the back-four Larry Lloyd.

A win for Forest, then . . . and victory for England next week.

Kevin Keegan



Trevor Francis showing the kind of form England will be looking for when they meet Bulgaria at Wembley.

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THE man who did so much to help establish Coventry City as a First Division club will try to send Gordon Milne's side to defeat this Saturday (Nov 17).

Willie Carr, who spent ten years at Highfield Road playing a key role in Coventry's settling to life in the First Division will be one of the major threats in the Wolves side that tackles City at Molineux this weekend.

Carr, who made 250 appearances for The Sky Blues, is now a crucial part of manager John Barnwell's plans to bring a trophy to Molineux this season. Carr can look back on missed chances at Coventry — but

CARR HOPES TO DRIVE WOLVES TO VICTORY

also forward with the expectation of glories to come at Molineux.

"I was very happy at Coventry and had some really good times," he says. "I went there straight from school and it was like home for me after a while. I was happy, but we never really achieved anything and we should have done better."

"We reached the Second Round of the Fairs Cup in 1970-71 before losing to Bayern Munich, but that was our only taste of European action."

'Progressive'

"I only know three of the players who are still there — Mick Coop, Tommy Hutchison and Mick Ferguson. I just cannot say why Coventry didn't win anything in that time because they were always such a progressive club. But if you look at the players that left, I think you will see they had the chances to succeed. They sold a lot of players in a two-year spell at one stage and I felt they broke up a team which could have done something."

"Dennis Mortimer, Brian Alderson, myself and others left when I felt we should have stayed together. When the club bought Tommy Hutchison and Colin Stein, I thought we were really going to go places and do something. We played well that first season but it didn't last long."

So on Saturday, Carr has the job of trying to sink his old club. "I'm not in the least bit worried about it," he says. "We believe that it is the best chance for Wolves to win a League title medal this season. We feel the First Division is wide open and we now have the side



Willie Carr (above) and former Coventry team-mate Tommy Hutchison (below).



and the ability to do well. So all Saturday means is a chance to get two more points towards our objective — that is all that matters."

"I still look for Coventry's results but in all honesty, this one doesn't really mean that much to me. I have no regrets at leaving Coventry; I felt they wanted me to go at the time and it was the best thing to do."

"I have played as well as I did in my Coventry days — but only at times. Perhaps I haven't found the consistency here that I showed at Highfield for season after season. I want to get that back for the Wolves. We are quite capable of winning something this season."

"But I have to say I don't have that feeling about Coventry. It's

hard to see them going all the way to a title whereas at Molineux we now have the players and the people to lead us all the way. John Barnwell and Richie Barker have re-organised the club since they came here and everything has been improved."

"Perhaps the difference between my old club and present one is that at Coventry, we always felt we were just going along, not really threatening the winners of trophies. Here, it's very different because sides are fearing us now. Wolves have the potential to gain glory much more so than Coventry."

"That's not sour grapes in any way."

Inconsistent

Most people would agree with that. Coventry seem to be inconsistent away and very good at home, but you need to do well in every match to become a real threat.

"This season, the crowds have been coming back and that underlines the potential at Molineux. We had 32,000 for a midweek game against struggling Derby County and that was marvellous. I hope as many and more turn up for this match with Coventry, and that I show them what I can do. It would be marvellous to really turn it on against my old club."

New Lives for Old Stars CLIFF JONES



FORMER Tottenham and Wales wizard of the wing Cliff Jones looks as fit now as when he used to turn opposing full-backs inside out during the club's success of the 60's.

Cliff played a vital part in the 'Double' winning team of 1961. At 44 he is now a football coach at one of London's leading footballing schools, Highbury Grove in North London.

"I'm really enjoying my football, from a different angle," says Jones. "I like being involved with the youngsters."

"I am teaching them the basics of the game. I don't like them to get too involved with tactical play. It could do them more harm than good."

"The biggest pleasure I get from coaching is watching them improve in things I have taught them."

Cliff began his footballing career in the back streets of Swansea and signed for them on a part-time basis. Although his ambition was to play football, his father, Ivor, advised him to take up another trade. So, Cliff qualified as a sheet metal worker.

Former Spurs boss Jimmy Anderson, after beating off Arsenal's challenge signed him for £30,000. The Gunners refused to pay Swansea's asking price. He was involved in every Tottenham success during the 60's that included a League Championship, an F.A. Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup medal.

Cliff also had an enormously successful international career by winning 58 full caps and scoring 16 goals.

He retired from the game in 1974 after spending two years with Fulham and then going into non-League soccer for a while. He also ran a butchers shop but that went bankrupt.

Cliff claims he has no plans to enter professional coaching but is happy passing on his knowledge to the schoolboys of Highbury Grove.

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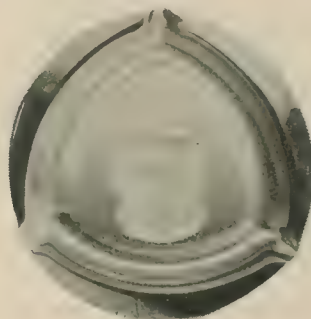


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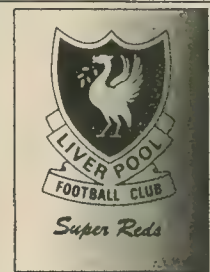


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PORTSMOUTH



JOHN LATHAN

ONE of the major reasons behind Portsmouth's great start to the season has been the midfield inspiration of much-travelled captain John Lathan. John started at his home town club Sunderland before a move to Mansfield, for whom he played 74 League games. Returned to the North-East with Carlisle, and after a spell on loan to Barnsley he eventually travelled the length of the country to sign for Pompey as part of the deal which took striker David Kemp to Brunton Park. John has at last settled down, and now is close to playing 100 League games for the same club for the first time in his career.

CRYSTAL PALACE



JIM CANNON

PALACE manager Terry Venables is in no doubt — Jim Cannon should be playing for Scotland. And even if appears to disagree, then at least the fans at Selhurst Park appreciate the presence of the big Glaswegian at the heart of their defence. Jim has added experience to the youthful talents of the promising Palace youngsters, and is the only survivor from the club's last spell in the First Division six years ago. At the start of the season Jim had played 219 League games for Palace, and he has undoubtedly been one of the major reasons behind the team's re-emergence in recent years.

DARLINGTON

KEITH COLEMAN

AFTER a spell out of the country with Belgium's Racing Club, Malmes, defender Keith returned to England in the summer and was immediately appointed Darlington captain by manager Billy Elliott. His career started with Sunderland, but found his greatest success in the First Division with West Ham. The Hammers freed Keith just over a year ago, but although he has never played in the lower half of the League before, his experience at the back has soon won the Feethams regulars over.



PLYMOUTH

GEORGE FOSTER

TOUGH-tackling central defender, George has been a Home Park regular for more than three seasons. He was sorely missed at the end of last season when he broke a leg against Oxford United in February, and his return to the side this season has restored the balance to the Plymouth back

four. At one stage in his career George looked likely to sign for Torquay United after a spell on loan at Platinmoor, but fortunately for The Pilgrims he decided to stay, and at the start of this season had played in more than 100 League games for the club and scored six goals.



PETERBOROUGH

RICKY HEPPOLETTE

EXPERIENCED and much-travelled midfielder who was appointed Peterborough team captain on his arrival from Chesterfield in August. Ricky's career began with Preston, and after 154 League appearances for the Deepdale side moved to Orient. Again passed his century of League games before switching to nearby

Crystal Palace and then on to Chesterfield three seasons ago. Was an ever-present in his first term at the Recreation Ground, but last season played only one game. Has soon adjusted to life at London Road and Ricky Heppollette is once again a force to be reckoned with in the Fourth Division as Posh attempt to gain promotion.



DERBY COUNTY

ROY MCFARLAND

WITH 28 full England caps to his name the Derby skipper must surely have won more international honours but for a long series of injuries which have hindered his career. As immaculate as ever when fully fit, he has played more than 500 games for The Rams since joining them from Tranmere in 1968. Centre-half who has won two Championship medals in his time at the Baseball Ground and rated by new manager Colin Addison as his best "signing" when he persuaded Roy to come off the transfer list at the start of the season. Marshals his defence immaculately and is always ready to break out on upfield flurries. Fate has certainly not been kind to Roy, and he has once again been side-lined this season, which goes part of the way to explaining Derby's uncertain start. Roy has plans to go into management when he retires, and SHOOT is convinced that should he approach such a task with as much enthusiasm as he has shown for Derby and England then he is sure to be a great success.



DONCASTER ROVERS



HUGH DOWD

FORMER Northern Irish international defender signed from Sheffield Wednesday in August. Hugh first made a name for himself in his native Ireland and it was while he was playing for Glenora and then Glenavon that he won his three international caps in 1974 and 1975. Eventually signed for Sheffield Wednesday, but played only seven League games for them last season before losing his place to former Southampton star Mike Pickering. Rovers' manager Billy Bremner was nevertheless sufficiently impressed to move in for Hugh, and immediately made him skipper as the club prepare their Fourth Division promotion bid.

PARTICK THISTLE



JACKIE CAMPBELL

IT'S difficult to stay at the top in soccer even for five years, but Jackie Campbell, Partick Thistle's veteran back-four man, has achieved almost unbelievable consistency for the past 15. Campbell has been skipper of the club off and on for the past ten years with players such as Bobby Houston and Ian Gibson taking over every now and again. The highlight of Campbell's long career must be that incredible League Cup Final against Celtic at Hampden eight years ago when Partick simply astounded everyone and left Celtic bewildered on their way to a 4-1 defeat. It would be nice if a player of Campbell's class and stature could enjoy a similar experience before he quits.

SUCCESS & FAILURE

BARRY DUNN and IAN CRUMLIN know both sides of soccer

AT 27, Barry Dunn had given up hope of ever playing League football.

Then his Blue Star team met a Sunderland team of reserves and youngsters in a Wearside League match. And he was so impressive that the Roker Park club invited him for a two week trial.

He did well enough to get taken on full time and after two reserve games, got a call to the first team.

Dunn's only other experience of top soccer — if you can call it that — was a brief spell with Hartlepool. He says: "I only played in the reserve side and I was on 30 bob a week. So it wasn't worth carrying on."

He got a job as a fitter with Northern Gas instead — and stood on the terraces to watch Sunderland whenever he got the chance.

"I've been a Sunderland fan since I was a kid but playing on Saturdays myself, I haven't had a lot of opportunity to watch them.

"Ironically, the first match I would have had a chance to see this season was the midweek League Cup replay against Manchester City. But instead of standing behind the goal, I found myself making my debut.

"There was some confusion over my registration, but fortunately that has all been cleared up now.

"I'm still getting used to the idea of being a professional footballer. If someone had told me a couple of months ago I would be playing for Sunderland now, I would not have believed him."

Dunn has added some pace down the Sunderland flanks after learning to look after himself in the Wearside League.

He says: "It can be pretty tough there and I learned how to keep

out of trouble. I really didn't think I had much chance of getting into full time football at my age but I suppose I'm a late developer.

"I'm a much better player than I was five years ago. I think that as you get older, you learn to use your head more, instead of just your feet. That's the difference.

"Opponents are paying me more attention now, I suppose because the word has gone round. But I intend to make the most of my chance."

Sunderland manager Ken Knighton was blunt when Dunn walked into Roker as a full time pro. Knighton told him: "You've wasted the last ten years of your life, so you've got a lot of catching up to do."

Dunn seems to be learning fast. England manager Ron Greenwood even paid him a compliment after seeing that first match against Man. City.

Fancied

The story will be even more amazing if the player should spend his second season of pro football in Division One. Sunderland are one of the fancied runners for promotion and Dunn says: "I think we must have as good a chance as anyone.

"They're a great bunch of lads here and we have every chance of going up."

One thing he doesn't fancy is a return to being a gas fitter. "It's nice to have a trade behind me, in case I should ever need it.

"But I'm not planning to go back to it. I'm hoping to have a long career at Roker and save enough to start a little business of my own."



IT didn't take Barry Dunn long to adapt to the demands of full-time football.

But one of his team-mates on the day Blue Star won the F.A. Vase at Wembley, Ian Crumplin, never made the big breakthrough during a season with lowly Hartlepool.

His experience with the Fourth Division club is proof that signing top non-League players doesn't always guarantee success.

The Wembley hero gave up a good job in a warehouse and took a drop in wages to fulfill a life's ambition and attempt to make the League grade.

Crumplin, from Newcastle, was snapped up by 'Pool boss Billy Horner just before the start of last season, but failed to establish himself in the first team after a good start.

Happily

During the summer, Crumplin and Hartlepool decided to call it a day and he's now happily playing in the Northern League with Bishop Auckland.

But his advice to part-timers hoping to be spotted by League clubs is still: "If you get the big-time chance, take it.

"I think that, like me, they'll enjoy the training and lifestyle of professional football. At 24, it's unlikely I'll get another opportunity, but I wouldn't turn it down if I did."

However, he says, there are special problems for the late arrivals on the League scene. "It depends on the individual whether they overcome them.

"The extra pace and training of the professional game are the obvious things, but anybody can

beat that if they're good enough.

"No, I'm mainly thinking of problems like confidence. Moving from being a big fish in a small pool — as I was — it's quite a change to be battling for your place.

"And I found that far younger players were more relaxed — this was their natural world, the only world they knew.

"I would ask managers not to be hasty in their judgment of non-League signings because it can take a long time to adapt."

Despite the Crumplin experience, there's no chance League clubs will end their search of the bargain basement. Carlisle coach Martin Harvey says: "It's a fact of life we have got to devote more time to non-League teams. When money is tight, it's the place to pick up players at realistic prices.

Carlisle, indeed, picked up Paul Bannon from Bridgend for £2,000 last season and he's only one of a list that includes Everton's John Barton, Mick Gooding at Rotherham, Brighton's Malcolm Poskett, Jim Arnold at Blackburn and Fulham goalscorer Gordon Davies.

There's also Peter Davidson, yet another of that successful Blue Star team who has arrived at Q.P.R. via Berwick. Blue Star boss Peter Feenan comments: "League clubs seem to have realised that players can develop late.

"I know some players in their 20's who could make the grade if given the chance; at 18 they wouldn't have got a match in the Wearside League.

"League clubs can find these lads if they look at minor football, but they shouldn't expect too many Alan Shoulders. He was a one-off who should have been spotted years ago."

Barry Dunn during his first game for Sunderland against Manchester City.





YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1

Standing in his own penalty-area a goal-keeper throws the ball into the face of an opponent who has run over the goal line. You send the 'keeper off. Should you restart with: (a) an indirect free-kick, (b) a corner-kick or (c) a penalty?



2

At the kick-off the ball is played backwards but is intercepted by an opponent. Should you: (a) take no action, (b) award a free-kick, or (c) order the kick to be retaken?



4

A player obstructs an opponent from reaching the ball by using an arm. Should you award: (a) a direct free-kick, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) a drop ball?



3

At a corner-kick the ball is kicked forward to an attacker standing on the goal-line. Should you: (a) award a free-kick for offside, (b) have the kick retaken or (c) take no action?



5

A trainer has run on to the pitch, without your permission, to treat an injured player. After noting his name should you restart with: (a) a drop ball, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) a direct free-kick?



ANSWERS:

1. A penalty (c). 2. Order the kick to be retaken (c). 3. Take no action (c). 4. Award a direct free-kick (a). 5. A drop ball (a). Unfortunately this is the rule. I somewhat sympathise with some trainers who want to get onto the pitch to treat a player. But the referee still has to make his decision of playing on until the ball is dead or stopping

CAN DUNDEE SUPPORT TWO CLUBS?

ARIE HAAN, whose mind-boggling long-range shooting was a feature of Holland's play in the World Cup in Argentina, is an experienced customer who always has something interesting to say.

After winning three European Cup winners medals with Ajax, he moved across to Belgium and picked up two Cup-Winners' Cup badges with Anderlecht. He had hoped to add a U.E.F.A. Cup honour to that already impressive tally, but the star-studded Belgian side fell at the first hurdle.

Dundee United blew them out of Europe when Frank Kopel volleyed his unsavable 20 yarder into the net in the second-leg. It tied the score at 1-1 on aggregate, but it took them through to the next stage on the goals away counting double rule.

"I hadn't heard a lot about this club before we played them," admitted Haan. "But, yes, they are a good side. They played well against us, particularly in the first-leg on their own ground when they did a lot of attacking."

Haan, though, must have been surprised that a club of such outstanding and undoubted talents cannot pack the fans into their

ground each match day. Their average home gate is around 6,000 to 8,000.

It has led in the past to players such as Andy Gray and Ray Stewart leaving the club and others such as David Narey and Graeme Payne asking for transfers in an effort to gain financial security.

Tannadice's go-ahead manager Jim McLean doesn't see the League reconstruction helping his team. In fact, he wants the Premier Division scrapped right now.

"The fatality rate is far too high. Neither Celtic or Rangers will ever be relegated and that means only six out of eight will escape the drop," he says.

Well, what is the answer? United already play open, fast, entertaining soccer. They spent £100,000 on Willie Pettigrew from Motherwell this season but still the fans refuse to awaken from their slumber.

We must pose this question: IS THE CITY OF DUNDEE BIG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT TWO TEAMS?

Proximity

Both camps have a rivalry as keen as that of Celtic and Rangers but a stranger in Dundee must be baffled by the close proximity of both grounds, Dens Park and Tannadice.

Not surprisingly, neither United nor Dundee want to know about an amalgamation. Both are rightly proud of their history and heritage and they are determined to keep things as they are.

One player points out: "Okay, say the clubs did get together; which ground would we play on? What would happen to the other one? Who would be manager? Would we have two bosses? What about the board?"

"And what about the players? Would one set automatically be scrapped? And how do you think the fans would react? What colours would we keep? No, I don't see it ever happening. We can get on well enough without making even more problems."

It's a typical statement, but there could come a day when finances dictate that both clubs will have to have a major rethink.

SHOOT, though, has a message for both sets of fans... you are missing a lot of good football!



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LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Monday, October 22

Third Division

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Smith)
SHEFF UTD (1) 2 (Bourne 2, 1 pen) 11,000

Brentford: Bond, Salman, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser (Holmes, L), Carlton, Shrubbs, Smith, Alder, Phillips.
Sheff Utd: Ramsbottom, Speight, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, de Goeij, Bourne, Butlin, Garner, Sabelia.

Fourth Division

PORT VALE (0) 0
TRANMERE (1) 1 (O'Neil) 2,990

Port Vale: Dance, Keenan, Griffiths, Beech, Sproson, Bentley, Jones, Farrell, Wright, Chamberlain (N.) (Tulley), Healey.
Tranmere: Johnson, Mathias, Flood, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, O'Neil, Craven, Kerr, Lumby, Peplow.

STOCKPORT (0) 0
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 1,983

Stockport: Lawson, Thorpe, Rutter, Fogarty, Czuczman, Chapman, Lovell, Bradd, Henson, Park, Sherlock.
Hartlepool: Burleigh, Sweeney, Normanton, Lawrence, Carr, Ayre, Linacre, Houchen, Newton, Harding, Loadwick.

Tuesday, October 23

Third Division

BURY (1) 2 (Madden, Howard)
BARNSELEY (1) 2 (Glavin 2, 1 pen) 4,341

Bury: Forrest, Waldron, Kennedy, Lugg, Whitehead, Howard, Madden, Wilson, Johnson, Gregory, Taylor.
Barnsley: Pierce, Flavell, Chambers, Glavin, Collins, McCarthy, Banks, Clarke, Wormley (Speedie), Lester, Riley.

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Bonnyman)
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Austin) 4,898

Carlisle: Swinburne, Hoolickin, Winstanley, MacDonald, Beardsley, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman (Fell), Bannon, Hamilton, Stanforth.
Mansfield: Arnold, Dawkins, Wood, Hamilton, Bird, McClelland, Lathan, Taylor, Austin, Mann, Allen.

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
BLACKPOOL (0) 0 4,967

Chesterfield: Tingay, Tarrt, O'Neill, Ridley, Green, Kowalski, Birch, Moss, Walker, Salmons, Crawford.
Blackpool: Hesford, Gardner, Weston, Kerr, Suddaby, McEwan, Thompson, Jones, Spence, Smith, Malone.

COLCHESTER (2) 4 (Hodge, pen., Lee, Gough, Wignall)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0 4,396

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Dowman, Hodge, Gough, Foley, Lee, Allinson.
Wimbledon: Goddard, Perkins, Jones, Eames, Bowgett, Cunningham, Dziadulewicz, Parsons (Ketteridge), Leslie, Cork, Lewington.

GILLINGHAM (1) 4 (Westwood 2, Barker, pen., Bruce)
OXFORD (0) 0 5,094

Gillingham: Hillyard, Sharpe, Barker, Overton, Weatherly, Crabbe, Nicholl, Bruce, Price, Westwood, Richardson.
Oxford: Brown, Taylor, Watson, Briggs, McIntosh, Jeffrey, White, Duncan, Foley, Cooke, Hodgson.

MILLWALL (0) 2 (Chatterton, Lyons)
READING (0) 0 7,088

Millwall: Jackson, Donaldson, Gregory, Chatterton, Tagg, Blyth, Towner, Seasman, Mitchell, Lyons, Kinsella.



Dean Smith (no. 9) goes close with this header for Brentford against Third Division pace-setters Sheffield United at Griffin Park.

Reading: Death, Hetzke, White, Sanchez, Kearney, Moreline, Earles, Alexander, Heale, Lewis, Wenklyn.

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Finney, pen., Gwyther)
HULL (0) 1 (Edwards) 5,917

Rotherham: Mountford, Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Gooding, McEwan, Gwyther, Fern, Finney.
Hull: Blackburn, Nisbet, DeVries, Croft, Dobson, Tait, Roberts (Haigh), Moss, Edwards, Phillips, Farley.

SHEFF WED (0) 2 (Mullen, Curran)
GRIMSBY (0) 0 13,855

Sheff Wed: Cox, Johnson, Grant, Smith, Mullen, Leman, Wyde, Porterfield, Lowey, King, Curran.
Grimsby: Batch, Moore (D.), Moore (K.), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Broolly, Kilmore, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

SWINDON (2) 2 (Mayes, Rowland)
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Kemp) 6,514

Swindon: Allan, Templeman, Lewis, McHale, Tucker, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.
Plymouth: Crudgington, Hodges, McNeill, James, Foster, Bason, Randall, Kemp, Trusson, Harrison, Johnson (Binney).

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Dungworth, Brodie)
LINCOLN (0) 0 3,945

Aldershot: Johnson, Howitt, Wooler, Dixon, Bennett, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, French, Dungworth, McGregor.
Lincoln: Grotter, Guest (Cunningham), Neale, Watson, Saunders, Peake, Hobson, Carr, Hertford, Sunley, Cockerill.

BOURNEMOUTH (2) 2 (Chambers, Butler)
HEREFORD (2) 2 2,838

Bournemouth: Allen, Cunningham, Ferns, Impey, Bryant, Chambers, Holder, MacDougall, Butler, Hefferman (Borthwick), Miller.
Hereford: Hughes, Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Birchenall, Cunningham, Hunt (Spiring), McGrellis, Jones, Feeley.

HALIFAX (0) 0
BRADFORD C (1) 1 (Gallagher) 7,012

Halifax: Kilner, Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Hendrie, Thomas, Kennedy, Mountford (Goodman), Firth, Burke.
Bradford C: Smith, Podd, Watson, Wood, Baines, Cooper, Bates, Dolan, Stanforth, Gallagher, Jones.

NORTHAMPTON (2) 4 (Sargent, Farrington, Farmer 2)
HUDDERSFIELD (2) 2 (Cowling, Byatt o.g.) 3,210

Northampton: Jayes, Walker, Sandercock, Byatt, Waldoock, Farrington, Denyer, Townsend, Sargent, Reilly, Farmer.

Huddersfield: Starling, Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Sutton, Topping, Laverick, Hart, Fletcher, Robins, Cowling.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
NEWPORT (1) 2 (Lowndes, Oakes) 20,775

Portsmouth: Mellor, McLaughlin, Styles, Todd, Aizlewood (Davey), Ellis, Garwood, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers.
Newport: Plumley, Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Bailey, Vaughan, Lowndes, Goddard (Bruton), Aldridge, Moore.

SCUNTHORPE (2) 3 (O'Berg, Cammack, Green)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 1,559

Scunthorpe: Gordon, Davy (Pilling), Peacock, Deere, Hall, Oates, O'Berg, Cammack, Green, Partridge, Keeley.
Darlington: Owers, Coleman, Cochrane, Hall, Bainbridge, Smith, McLean, Charlton, Ferguson, Peachey, Walsh.

YORK (0) 1 (Eccles)
DONCASTER (2) 3 (Lister 2, Lewis) 4,707

York: Neenan, Kamara, Kay, Pugh, Clements, James, Randall, Lorimer, Eccles, McDonald, Wellings.
Doncaster: Peacock, Russell, Snodin, Lister, Lally (Ranagan), Dowd, Pugh, Nimmo, Wa. boys, Lewis, Bentley.

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

(Quarter-Final second-leg)

BRISTOL C (1) 2 (Gillies, Ritchie)
PARTICK (0) 0

(Bristol City won 3-1 on aggregate) 5,015
Bristol C: Shaw, Sweeney, Whitehead, Tainton, Gillies, Hay, Fitzpatrick, Ritchie, Garland, Mann, Meijer.

Partick: Rough, McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, Marr, Gibson, Park, Melrose, McDonald, McAdam, Doyle (Gibson).

Wednesday October 24

EUROPEAN CUP

(Second Round first-leg)

CELTIC (3) 3 (McDonald, McCluskey, Burns)
DUNDALK (1) 2 (Muckian, Lawlor) 33,000

Celtic: Latchford, McGrain, McAdam, McDonald, Lynch, Aitken, MacLeod, Davidson (Lennox), Provan, McCluskey, Burns.
Dundalk: Blackmore, McConville, Kealy, Dunning, Martin, Lawlor, Dainty, Byrne, Davine, Flanagan, Muckian, Daly (Mick Lawlor).

NOTTM FOREST (2) 2 (Woodcock, Birtles)
ARGES PITESTI (0) 0 24,828

Nottm Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Mills, Bowyer, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

Arges Pitesti: Christian, Zamfir, Moessescu, Ivan, Stancu, Cirstea, Chivescu, Iovanescu, Toma, Dobrin, Micolae.

Cup-Winners' Cup

(Second Round first-leg)

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Young, Sunderland)
MAGDEBURG (1) 1 (Pommerenke) 34,375

Arsenal: Jennings, Rice, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.
Magdeburg: Heyne, Raugust, Tyll, Seguin (Dobelin), Decker, Mewes, Pommerenke, Steinback, Streich, Stahmann, Hoffmann.

VALENCIA (1) 1 (Kempes)
RANGERS (1) 1 (McLean) 45,000

Valencia: Perairo, Castellanas, Cervero, Botubot, Arias, Bonhof, Saura, Solsona, Jimenez (Abio), Kempes, Felman.
Rangers: McCloy, Miller, Jardine, Johnstone, Forsyth (A.), MacDonald (A.), Watson, Smith, McLean (Parlane), Urquhart, Cooper (Dawson).

U.E.F.A. CUP

(Second Round first-leg)

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
DIOSGYOR (0) 1 (Fekete) 10,500

Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Philip, Hegarty, Narey, Addison (Dodds), Pettigrew, Sturrock (Milne), Fleming, Payne.
Diosgyor: Miskolc, Vereeb, Szanto, Salamon, Kutasi, Olah, Varadi, Borostyan (Szalai), Kerekcs, Gorgi, Tatar, Fekete.

GRASSHOPPERS (0) 0
IPSWICH (0) 0 16,000

Grasshoppers: Berbig, in-Abon, Heinz, Hermann, Nafzger, Maier, Traber (Herbert Hermann), Pfister, Wehrli, Sulser, Ponte, Egli.
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Butcher, Thijssen, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Mills, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

UNI. CRAIOVA (1) 2 (Balaci, Irimescu)
LEEDS (0) 0 40,000

Uni. Craiova: Boldici, Negriia, Tilihoi, Ungureanu, Geolga, (Donose), Stefanescu, Crisan, Balaci, Camataru, Beldeanu, Cartu, (Irimescu).
Leeds: Lukic, Hird, Stevenson, Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Harris, (Hamson), Cherry, Hankin, Curtis, Gray.

Third Division

CHESTER (0) 0
BLACKBURN (0) 0 3,955

Chester: Lloyd, Raynor, Walker, Storton, Cotnam, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Jones, Edwards, Phillips, Henderson.
Blackburn: Arnold, Round, Kendall, Coughlin, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Parkes, McKenzie, Crawford, Craig.

EXETER (3) 4 (Forbes, Neville, pen., Bowker, Pearson)
SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Gray 2) 3,246

Exeter: O'Keefe, Mitchell, Hatch, Hore, Giles, Forbes, Neville, Pearson, Bowker, Delve, Puller.
Southend: Cawston, Dudley, Moody, Cusack, Walker, Stead, Otulakowski, Pountney, Tuohy, Gray, Morris.

Fourth Division

CREWE (0) 1 (Guy)
WALSALL (1) 2 (Caswell, pen., Serella) 3,502

Crewe: Felgate, Lewis, Bowers, Hunter, (Dulson), Scott, Prophet, Davies, Guy, Chesters, Bevan, Nelson.
Walsall: Green, Macken, Mower, Sbragia, Serella, Paul, Penn, Waddington, (Buckley), McDonough, Williams, Caswell.

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Parkinson, Cliss)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Lawrence) 3,130

Peterborough: Waugh, McVay, Phillips, Carmichael, Foster, Chard, Gynn, Kellock, Cliss, Parkinson, Robson.

Torquay: Turner, Pethard, Ritchie, Hagan, Bourne, Sermani, Davies, Lawrence, Cooper, (Lamour), Twitchin, Murphy.

WIGAN (0) 1 (Quinn)
ROCHDALE (1) (Jones) 5,086

Wigan: Brown, Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gora, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Quinn, Urghart.

Rochdale: Watson, Cliff, Milligan, Weir, Waldron, Taylor, Esser, Wann, Hilditch, Jones, McDermott.

Friday October 26

Third Division

SOUTHEND (0)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 3,537

Southend: Cawston, Dudley, Moody, Hadley, Walker, Stead, Otulakowski, Morris, Pountney, Tuohy, (Nelson), Gray.

Chesterfield: Tingay, Tartt, O'Neill, Ridley, Green, Kowalski, Birch, Moss, Walker, Salmans, Crawford.

DONCASTER (1) 2 (Lister, Warboys pen.)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 9,801

Doncaster: Peacock, Russell, Snodin, Lister, Lally, Dowd, Pugh, Nimmo, Warboys, Lewis, Bentley.

Portsmouth: Mellor, McLaughlin, Styles, Brisley, (Ashworth), Davey, Ellis, Garwood, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers.

ROCHDALE (1) 3 (Jones 3)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Farmer, Byatt) 1,468

Rochdale: Watson, Cliff, Milligan, Weir, Waldron, Taylor, Esser, Mann, Hilditch, Jones, McDermott.

Northampton: Jayes, Walker, Sandercock, Byatt, Waldoock, Farrington, Denyer, Townsend, Sargent, Reilly, Farmer, (McCaffrey).

TRANMERE (1) 1 (O'Neil pen.)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 2 (Green, Pilling) 1,876

Tranmere: Johnson, Mathias, Flood, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, O'Neill, Creven, Kerr, Lumby (Kelly), Peplow.

Scunthorpe: Gordon, Davy (Cowling), Peacock, Deere, Hall, Oates, Pilling, Cammack, Green, Partridge, Keeley.

Saturday October 27

First Division

BOLTON (0) 1 (Gowling)
C. PALACE (0) 1 (Smillie) 15,132

Bolton: McDonagh, Nicholson, Burke, Allardyce, Jones, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowling, Cantello, Thompson.

C. Palace: Burrbridge, Hinshelwood, Sansom, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert (Smillie), Murphy, Kember, Walsh, Flanagan, Hilaire.

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Foster, Ryan)
NORWICH (1) 4 (Goble, Paddon, Taylor, Reeves) 23,180

Brighton: Moseley, Rollings, Williams, Horton, Forster, Stevens, Ryan, Ward, Chivers, (Clark), Sayer, O'Sullivan.

Norwich: Keelan, Bond, Downs, Taylor, Brown, Powell, Goble, Reeves, Fashanu, Paddon, Peters.

BRISTOL C. (0) 0
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Sunderland) 23,029

Bristol C: Shaw, Sweeney, Whitehead, Mabbutt, Rodgers, Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Ritchie, Royle, Mann, Tainton.

Arsenal: Jennings, Rice, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

EVERTON (0) 0
MAN UTD (0) 0 37,708

Everton: Wood, Gidman, Bailey, Lyons, Higgins, Ross, Nulty, Wright, Latchford, Kidd, Eastoe.

Man Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, (Sloan), McLroy, McQueen, Buchan, Grimes, Wilkins, Coppell, Macari, Thomas.

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Brazil)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 17,593

Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Butcher, Thijssen, Osman, Beattie, Werk, Mills, Mariner, (Turner), Brazil, Gates.

Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Johnston, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Cochrane, (Janovic), Proctor, Hodgson, Burns, Armstrong.

MAN CITY (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (2) 4 (Johnson, Dalglish 2, Kennedy R.) 48,128

Man City: Corrigan, Ranson, Power, Bennett, Caton, Futcher, MacKenzie, Viljoen, Robinson, Reid, Deyna.

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy, (A), Thompson, Kennedy, (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, Heighway, Souness.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Boyer)
LEEDS (1) 2 (Entwistle, Curtis) 23,259

Southampton: Gennoe, Hebbard, Peach, Williams, Watson, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Channon, George, Holmes.

Leeds: Lukic, Stevenson, Hampton, Chandler, Parkinson, Madeley, Gray, Cherry, Hankin, Curtis, Entwistle.

STOKE (2) 3 (Richardson, Heath, Crooks)
DERBY (0) 2 (Hill 2) 18,530

Stoke: Jones, Evans, Johnson, (P), Johnson, (P. A.), Smith, Dodd, Heath, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

Derby: Middleton, Langan, (Greenwood), Buckley, Rioch, McCaffrey, Osgood, Emery, Powell, Duncan, Davies, Hill.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Hoddle)
NOTTM FOREST (0) 0 49,038

Tottenham: Aleksic, Hughton, Smith, Yorath, McAllister, Perryman, Ardiles, Jones, Armstrong, (Lee), Hoddle, Villa.

Nottm Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Mills, Francis, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

W.B.A. (2) 4 (Brown A. 2, Brown T. 2)
COVENTRY (0) 1 (Coop) 22,721

W.B.A.: Godden, Batson, Statham, Mills, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, (A), Deehan, Owen, Brown, (T).

Coventry: Sealey, Jones, McDonald, Gooding, Holton, Coop, Hutchison, Wallace, English, Blair, Hunt.

WOLVES (1) 1 (Gray)
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Shaw) 36,267

Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Hughes, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Thomas, (Eves).

Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, Ormsby, Mortimer, Bremmer, Little, Geddis, Cowans, Shaw.

Second Division

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Ainscow)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 17,869

Birmingham: Wealands, Todd, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Towers, Ainscow, Lynex, (Bertschin), Givens, Gemmill, Johnston.

Shrewsbury: Wardle, Hayes, Larkin, Chapman, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Maguire, Biggins, Birch, (Cross).

CHARLTON (1) 3 (Gritt 2, Berry)
CARDIFF (0) 2 (Bishop, Hughes) 6,870

Charlton: Johns, Hazell, Warman, (Churchouse), Campbell, Berry, Madden, Powell,

Wilson, Robinson, Walker, Gritt.

Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Dwyer, Bishop, Stevens, (Hughes), Moore, Ronson, Buchanan.

CHELSEA (0) 0
FULHAM (0) 2 (Beck, Davies) 30,567

Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Wilkins, Bumstead, Droy, Bannon, (Walker), Britton, Fillery, Langley, Johnson, Harris.

Fulham: Digweed, Peters, Strong, Bullivant, Money, Gale, Marinello, Beck, Guthrie, Lock, Davies.

LEICESTER (1) 2 (Lineker 2)
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Lee) 19,365

Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Rofe, Peake, May, Welsh, Lineker, Henderson, Young, Kelly, Smith.

Sunderland: Siddall, Whitworth, Gilbert, Clarke, Elliott, Hindmarch, Arnott, Lee, Hawley, (Rowell), Robson, Dunn.



LUTON (0) 1 (Moss pen.)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Elliott) 11,648

Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Greulich, Saxby, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Cameron, (McGee), Burns, Baxter, Blackley, Bell, Haslegrave, Elliott, Thomson, Bruce.

NEWCASTLE (2) 2 (Withe, Shoulder)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 24,092

Newcastle: Hardwick, Brownlie, Davies, Martin, Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Walker, Withe, (Cassidy), Rafferty, Cartwright.

Cambridge: Webster, Turner, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Cozens, Biley, Spriggs, Sweetzer, (O'Neill), Gibbins, Murray.

NOTTS CO (0) 0
WEST HAM (0) 1 (Holland) 12,256

Notts Co: Avramovic, Richards, O'Brien, Hunt, Stubbs, Blockley, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Benjamin, Mair (Christie).

West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Holland, Allen, Pike, Cross, Brooking, Neighbour.

ORIENT (1) 2 (Coates, Went pen.)
BRISTOL R. (0) 1 (Barrowclough) 4,645

Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Went, Gray, Taylor, Chiedozie, Hughton, Mayo, Jennings Coates.

Bristol R: Thomas, Bater, Williams, Mabbutt, Harding, Aitken, Barrowclough, Emmanuella, White, Penny, Clarke (Pulis).

Q.P.R. (4) 7 (Goddard 2, Shanks, McCreery, Allen 2, 1 pen., Roeder)
BURNLEY (0) 0 11,261

Q.P.R.: Woods, Shanks, Gillard, McCreery, Roeder, Wicks, Bowles, Wallace, Allen, Goddard, Burke (Walsh).

Burnley: O'Rourke, Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, James, Dobson, Fletcher, Young, Kindon.

SWANSEA (0) 2 (James 2)
OLDHAM (0) 0 12,654

Swansea: Letheran, Evans, Rushbury, Stevenson, Phillips, Charles, Attley, Mahoney (Murastik), James, Craig, Callaghan.

Oldham: McDonnell, Wood, Edwards, Keegan,

Clements, Holt, Valentine, Blair, Hilton, Atkinson, Heaton (Gardner).

WREXHAM (2) 3 (McNeil 2, Giles)
WATFORD (0) 0 9,442

Wrexham: Davies, Darracott, Dwyer, Davis, Jones, Giles, Fox, Hill (Williams), McNeil, Buxton, Roberts.

Watford: Rankin, How, Harrison, Booth, Sims, Garner, Blissett, Rostron, Mercer (Ward), Train, Cassells.

Third Division

BARNLEY (0) 1 (Glavin)
CHESTER (0) 1 (Edwards) 9,879

Barnley: Pierce, Flavell, Chambers (Bell), Buxton, Roberts.

Chester: Lloyd, Raynor, Walker, Storton, Cottam, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Rush, Edwards, Henderson, Phillips.

One of the seven. QPR's Don Shanks (partly hidden by post) nets past Burnley's unfortunate 'keeper Billy O'Rourke, making his League debut.

BLACKBURN (1) 3 (Crawford, Keeley, Brotherston)
COLCHESTER (0) 0 6,436

Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Morley, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Parkes (Garner), Craig, Crawford, McKenzie.

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Packer (Wright), Leslie, Wignall, Dowman, Hodge, Gough, Foley, Allinson, Lee.

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
SWINDON (0) 1 (Mayes) 5,741

Blackpool: Hesford, Gardner, Weston, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Malone, Kellow, Spence, Doyle, Smith.

Swindon: Allan, Templeman, Lewis, McHale, Tucker, Stroud, Bates, Carter, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.

GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Waters, Cumming)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0 7,702

Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

Rotherham: Mountford, Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Gooding, Fern, Gwyther, McEwan, Finney.

HULL (1) 2 (Croft, Dobson)
EXETER (0) 2 (Bowker, Pullar) 5,196

Hull: Blackburn, Nisbet, DeVries, Croft, Dobson, Tait, Haigh, Moss, Edwards, Phillips, Farley (McDonald).

Exeter: O'Keefe, Mitchell, Hatch, Hore, Giles, Forbes, Neville, Pearson, Bowker, Delve (Rogers P.), Pullar.

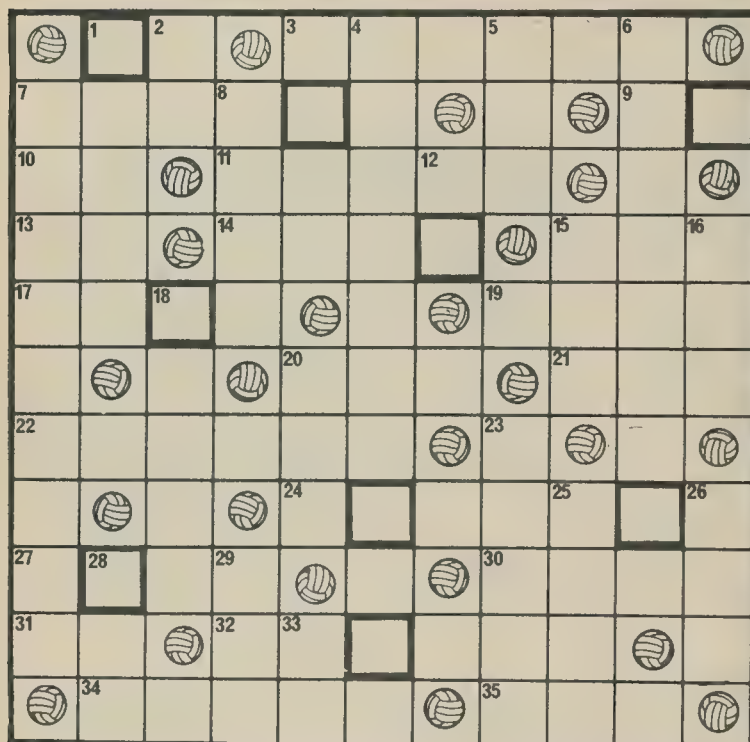
MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Bird, Taylor)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 4,598

Mansfield: Arnold, Dawkins, Wood, Hamilton, Bird (Curtis), McClelland, Lathan, Taylor, Austin, Mann, Allen.

Gillingham: Hillyard, Sharpe, Barker, Overton, Weatherley (Funell), Crabbe, Nicholl, Bruce, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Manchester City midfield player. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Frank Lam---rd of West Ham.
- (3) Peter -----, WBA and England winger.
- (7) Dave ---, Southampton defender.
- (9) Jim -olm--s, Tottenham defender.
- (10) Cardiff play at N---ian Park.
- (11) Terrible.
- (13) Ray Cle---nce, Liverpool and England.
- (14) Joe -i---pi of Celtic.
- (15) Everton are nicknamed The T---ees.
- (17) Rangers colour.
- (19) East ---, became, in 1938, the first Second Division club to win the Scottish Cup.
- (20) Sir --- Ramsey, former England manager.
- (21) Barry S-d-a-l (Sunderland). A cover from the omissions.
- (22) Increase in length or duration.
- (24) Move the ball with fast footwork.
- (27) The ---, nickname of the club from Hillsborough. (See also 6 Down).
- (30) Use of it will give "a ---- swerve".
- (31) ---rwich City from Carrow Road.
- (32) Overwhelmed with astonishment.
- (34) Vic ---rel--- (Derby County). "Wanderer" from the omissions.
- (35) Boo-hf-rr- Park (Hull City). The missing letters reversed.

DOWN:—

- (1) Group of people such as judges, selectors, etc.
- (2) South--mp-on play at The Dell.
- (3) Paul ----es of Crewe.
- (4) English League Champions ground. (7 & 4)
- (5) Si-c-- Bank; Lincoln City's ground.
- (6) --- Wednesday are in the Third Division.
- (7) Team promoted to Division Three last season.
- (8) Secure like a well-defended goal!
- (12) D-ndee United from Tannadice -ark.
- (15) K--b-wie Park (Clydebank). Lubricate from the omissions.
- (16) -i-l- Mill; Mansfield Town's ground.
- (18) -ewcas--e-n-ted. A word from the missing letters.
- (20) ---y King, Everton midfield player.
- (23) --- Stadium of Cambridge United.
- (25) M-a--w-ank Thistle. The omissions reversed.
- (26) F---noord; U.E.F.A. Cup winners, 1974.
- (28) Gained two points.
- (29) Kenny --nso- (Crystal Palace).
- (33) ---nchester United play at Old Trafford.

ALL being well, I shall be back in goal for England against Bulgaria in our European Championship match at Wembley.

With two games to go, we need only one point to make certain of playing in the Quarter-Finals of the tournament in Rome next year.

For most of us that will be our first experience of competing in the final stages of a major international competition. I believe only Emlyn Hughes and Peter Shilton were in the squad when England went out to West Germany in the European Championship Quarter-Finals in 1972.

The Republic of Ireland have a slim mathematical chance of gaining the ticket to Rome, but we're capable of finally topping the table with goals and points to spare.

In our last match at Wembley, when we had to work hard to beat Denmark by 1-0, we didn't play well.

But whereas at one time we dreaded appearing at Wembley, when we struggled in every sense, and often received the slow hand-clap and derisive boos, we now look forward to the occasion. Under manager Ron Greenwood we have recaptured the old style and spirit that hallmarked England, and the crowd respond with cheers and chants for the full 90 minutes.

I know from my experience with Liverpool how important it is to have the backing of fanatical supporters. Our former manager, Bill Shankly, always reckoned it was worth a goal start at home.

In England's match against Northern Ireland, in Belfast last month, the team showed a tremendous improvement, even though the conditions were very trying.

Irish bog

For some time before the kick-off heavy rain had fallen, and continued throughout the game, with the result that the pitch became like an Irish bog.

I was consigned to the dugout as a spectator, as Ron Greenwood had decided on the policy of alternating Peter Shilton and I to ensure against the situation in which Sir Alf Ramsey had found himself when he had to replace a sick Gordon Banks with an inexperienced Peter Bonetti in goal against the West Germans in a vital World Cup match in Leon, Mexico.

As you probably know, England lost by 3-2 in extra-time after being two goals ahead at one stage.

Peter has been unfairly blamed in some quarters for that shock defeat.

Knowing the Irish would commit themselves to all-out attack, we played with four men, including Kevin Keegan, in midfield. Kevin, who had starred in our 4-3 win over Denmark in Copenhagen and scored our solitary goal against the Danes at Wembley, was tightly marked by David McCreery. Despite that, we came out 5-1 winners, so refuting the accusation that we're a "one-man" team.

Four goals were shared by two Nottingham Forest team-mates, Trevor Francis and Tony Woodcock. The first three were superbly taken, but the fourth was a real gem, a goal

to savour.

The move started around the half-way line when Trevor dispossessed Linfield's Rafferty, who had come on for Allan Hunter, and until that moment played well on his home ground.

Trevor then ran past Sammy Nelson and lobbed the ball over two other Irish defenders on the edge of the penalty-area for Tony to head past Pat Jennings.

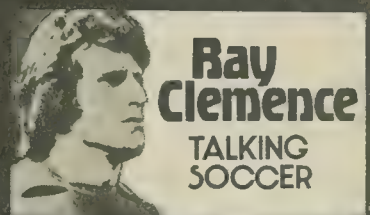
I was especially pleased to see Tony getting amongst the goals again, and being rewarded for his hard work, although I felt sorry for Jimmy Nicholl when he put through his own goal for England's fifth.

I'd like to say we were so dominant for the entire 90 minutes the Irish didn't get a chance to beat us. But that would be untrue and unfair.

At half-time I remarked to Viv Anderson, sitting alongside me, that the scoreline of 2-0 was exactly the same as at the identical stage in our previous game with Northern Ireland, in the British Championship in May.

Then an Irish rally had found us battling hard to defend our goal and hold the score until the final whistle.

My fears seemed justified when



England, playing without the bite they had ended the first-half, allowed the Irish to put them under pressure and gave away a penalty.

A successful conversion spurred them on, and only the bar and a brilliant save by Peter Shilton from Sammy McIlroy prevented them from going into the lead!

It was a lesson for everyone in the squad to heed: never to relax whatever the opposition. A better side than Ireland, one with a more clinical, deadly approach, would have successfully capitalised on our lapse.

As it was, we were allowed to regain our rhythm and collect three more goals.

The Bulgarians come to Wembley with a poor record so far in the competition, having lost 3-0 in Dublin to the Republic at the same time we were taking both points from Northern Ireland.

We have a fair idea of what to expect from the Bulgars, as we met them in the first of our three games during England's summer tour and won comfortably by 3-0.

'Spurs come to Anfield determined to avenge last season's 7-0 defeat'



'England's fourth goal against Northern Ireland was a gem'

I've discussed them with my Liverpool team-mate Stevie Heighway, who played for the Republic, and he informs me that Bulgaria competed fiercely until they conceded their first goal. After that, they lost interest.

Although they have no chance of winning the Group, you can be sure the Iron Curtain side will respond to playing at Wembley. It's the ambition of every team to beat England, the pioneers of the game, on their own hallowed turf where they won the World Cup in 1966.

Although a draw would suit us, there's no way we would disappoint our fans by playing safety-first football.

Besides, we must perfect our team-work and finishing so that we can take the road to Rome next year confident of winning the European Championship for the first time in England's history.

On the Saturday before I report for international duty, Liverpool meet Spurs at Anfield, hoping to repeat the 7-0 drubbing we handed out to them in the corresponding League game last season.

That glorious day we put all our chances away — something we have failed to do in every game so far this

season.

But we shan't be underestimating a London side that has been getting good results lately, some away from home.

Two players we'll be especially watching out for are Glenn Hoddle and Osvaldo Ardiles. Glenn is now allying his undisputed skills to a high work-rate and complete concentration.

"Ossie", as he's called, is getting back to form after a difficult period brought about by playing football for two years without a real, refreshing break.

After a season with his Argentine club he helped his country win the World Cup and then emigrated to England to play a full season for Spurs in what many believe to be the most demanding League in the game.

Both he and Glenn were in the Spurs team we clobbered last season, and will be determined to wipe out that humiliating memory.

My instinct tells me it's going to be a great game to play in — or watch!

'WE WON'T PLAY SAFETY-FIRST FOOTBALL'



FOOTBALL FUNNIES



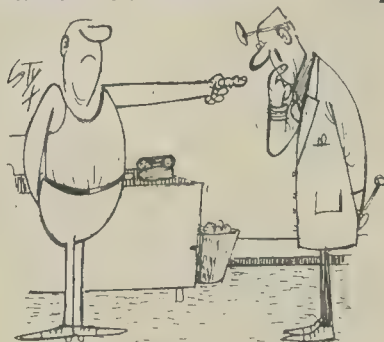
"No, it's not mine. I changed shirts with one of their backs"



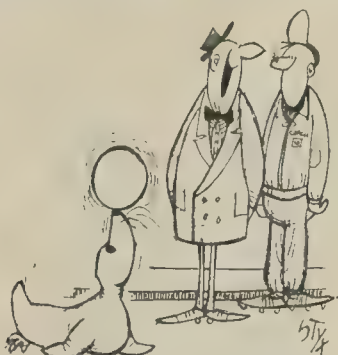
"Fancy a man in your position throwing a bottle of coke at the ref. Shouldn't it have been champagne?"



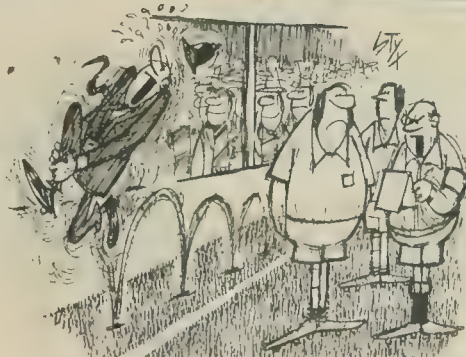
"Heh! Heh! That's what I call 'getting a bad Press'. I fell on him"



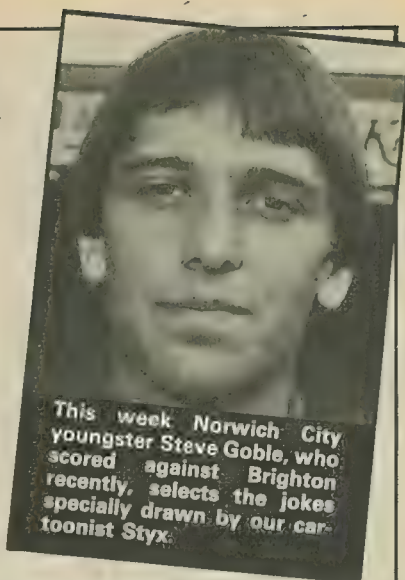
"Your days as a referee are numbered. You've got rheumatism in your finger"



"I'm going to give the lads a little talk about ball control"



"I'm booking you for dangerous kicking"



This week Norwich City youngster Steve Goble, who scored against Brighton recently, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



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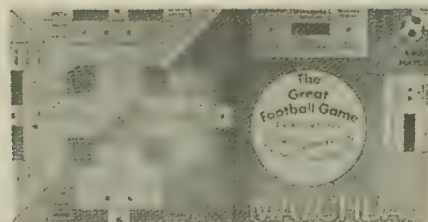
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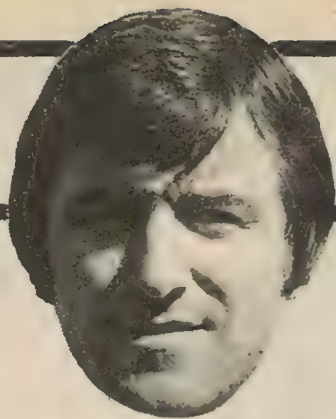
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VERDICT



MALCOLM Allison's controversial days of "wine, women and song" are finally over. Dead and buried, never to be resurrected.

Manchester City's flamboyant boss, one of the best friends I've ever had, has managed to shed the image he inherited of drinking Moët from dawn to dawn between long puffs on Fidel Castro style Havana cigars.

Those days of back page headlines, middle page headlines and sometimes front page headlines are over. If Malcolm makes the newspapers from now on it will be on the strength of his achievements with Manchester City.

For the "new" Malcolm Allison

Manchester City's 4-0 home defeat by Liverpool will have done them no harm either. Their new team had played well but Liverpool's victory will have tempered some of the enthusiasm and given them a more realistic outlook of what it's like to play in the First Division successfully.

People thought Mal was mad

when he splashed out £750,000 for Preston's striker Mick Robinson. Who? They said. Mick had joined Preston straight from school and graduated through the apprentice ranks at Deepdale. He signed a full contract in July, 1976 and made his debut in the Third Division at Cardiff in 1977.

Mal knew all about Robinson —

because he is in close touch with the game at the top and at the grass-roots. Why do you think so many youngsters went to Crystal Palace when he was manager?

Tommy Caton has been given his head at the heart of City's defence in Dave Watson's place. Tommy who? The uninitiated were surprised by the youngsters elevation, and Mal's statement that he had many of the qualities borne by the late and great Duncan Edwards.

Caton has come right through City's ranks, making his debut in the Skol Festival tournament before the start of the season at the age of 16.

If I wasn't in football, I'd love to

'MAL'S PLAYBOY DAYS ARE OVER'

is firmly committed to reviving a once great Manchester club that has slipped of late from the high standards it set for its faithful fans in winning the First Division Championship in 1967-68, the F.A. Cup in 1969, and the League Cup in 1970 and 1976, and the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1969-70.

Maine Road has had a few seasons in the doldrums. But it is abundantly clear to me that City are on the way back and will recapture the moments that won them so much fame across the country.

The best thing City chairman Peter Swales ever did was to draw Malcolm back into the fold at Moss Side.

Newcomers

It staggers me that Mal has achieved as much as he has this season in such a short space of time. Thirteen points from City's first 14 games was no mean achievement with a team of newcomers alongside established favourites. Palace's 2-0 win over City at Selhurst Park did nothing to minimise the promise of Mal's "new look" team.

Who but Malcolm Allison would have had the courage to shake-hands with Peter Barnes, Gary Owen, Asa Hartford, Mike Channon and Dave Watson and allow them to leave the club?

Malcolm did, sad no doubt that so much talent was departing, but brave enough to know that there was a risk of keeping them at City against their will.

The players he let go weren't with him. It might sound a trite expression that they "weren't with him" but any man who has managed a factory floor, business, or office will know what I mean in saying those players probably "weren't with him". Malcolm has never had time for player not fully committed to the job they're employed to do.

Mal and I have that in common. No time for players with their minds elsewhere.



Malcolm — the family man. Proud dad hoists eight month old daughter Alexis aloft. Clearly a star of tomorrow.

stand on the terraces at Maine Road every fortnight. Because I know they will play attacking football under Malcolm.

He's more than 200 miles from Selhurst Park but he still rings me up for a chat. If you're a friend, you're a friend forever.

Malcolm makes good decisions, he makes mistakes; but he always likes a laugh. You need a sense of humour in football — and he has more than his fair share.

He often told the story of the day he had £200 in his pocket to bet on the horses. He got injured in a game for West Ham, was in terrible agony, but could think of nothing else than the sum of money he wanted to spend at the races — but couldn't.

He's the most generous man I know. If a player is down on his luck, Mal will always lend a helping hand. He once bailed-out a journalist in a night-club abroad after the Pressman had been presented with a hefty bill at his table. More than £100, I think.

Stubborn? Yes he can be stubborn if he wants to buy a player. But Mal dislikes hurting people. He's far more tolerant than people realise. Whoever said patience was a virtue must have had Malcolm in mind.

I can see only success for Allison and Swales. Both men are ambitious, willing to take a chance, and larger than life.

Football needs people like them.

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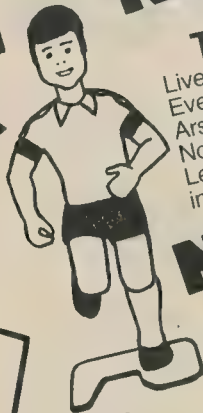
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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

THE progress Tottenham Hotspur have made to become the First Division's most improved team is illustrated best by the goal which sunk League leaders Nottingham Forest at White Hart Lane.

Spurs goalkeeper Milija Aleksić pumped the ball downfield. Chris Jones headed on to Gerry Armstrong and the big Northern Ireland striker did likewise — into the stride of Glenn Hoddle.

The ball had not touched the ground from leaving Aleksić's boot. Nor had it moments later when the net bulged behind Peter Shilton.

Hoddle's ninth goal of the season, volleyed from 15 yards, was the only goal of the match played before 49,000 fans, the First Division's largest gate of Saturday, October 27th.

Glorious goals like that have typified Tottenham's revival — and



Manager Keith Burkinshaw

Burkinshaw chose instead to use the Welshman's combative instincts in midfield after his £375,000 transfer from Coventry.

Lacy's acceptance of second team football reflects the spirit this season. "I'm not unhappy at the club," he says.

Chris Hughton's progress at right-back is remarkable and largely responsible for the stiffening of Spurs' defence. He signed as a full-time pro in the summer — and won his first Republic of Ireland cap against the United States in Dublin last month.

The most crucial component in the "new" Tottenham machine is midfield, an area fairly bursting with talent. It spluttered last season with Ardiles finding little support for his silken running and deft touches.

This season Ardiles' magic is rivalled by Glenn Hoddle's artistry. They have brought breathtaking invention to midfield in their almost telepathic understanding.



Glenn Hoddle has been the inspiration behind the Spurs revival this season.

It's White 'Hot' Lane again

clinched victories that would probably have been beyond them last season.

Hoddle's goal toppled proud Forest from pole position and elevated Tottenham from 11th place to seventh.

Tottenham's transformation, made over five weeks, is a tribute to manager Keith Burkinshaw's belief that good, attacking football will succeed. Victory over Forest was their sixth win in 13 games.

But Tottenham's improvement cannot be measured in cold statistics. It is the manner in which they have played this season. Hoddle's goal against Manchester United in the League Cup at White Hart Lane was nothing short of breathtaking — and worthy of a "Goal of Any Season" award.

It is clearly too early to predict a return to the "glory, glory" days at White Hart Lane when bunting was draped from shop windows along Tottenham High Road bearing such household names as Greaves, Blanchflower, Mackay and Jones.

Spurs have shed most of the ragged uncertainty which cost them points last season. Their team-work now is positive, urgent, and at times, exquisite.

The team has a style that was missing before.

Centre-half John Lacy, strong in the air but so often found wanting in pace and assurance when the ball was played quickly at him across the turf, has lost his place to Paul Miller, 20, an East Ender whose composure was first tested on his debut against Arsenal last April.

Miller's place was in more jeopardy from Terry Yorath than Lacy at the start of the season, but



The added aggression of Paul Miller has bolstered Tottenham's suspect defence.

The belligerence and competitiveness of Terry Yorath and Ricardo Villa provides the perfect foil to the craft of Ardiles and Hoddle.

The success of their midfield has enhanced Hoddle's prospects of a full England cap. Assistant manager Pat Welton reckons Hoddle is ready for promotion now.

"There's not a better midfield player in Britain," says Pat. "He is working harder and his improvisation is superb. Any problems he had are behind him."

Ardiles and Villa had also overcome problems, said Welton. "Ricky's were psychological. He felt restless for a time but is now playing so well for us. Ardiles played with flu for a time and a reaction set in this season as a result of the hullabaloo over his arrival. Everybody wanted to see him, the fans clamoured for his autograph, the pressures and responsibilities were enormous.

"But now he's back to his best."

Regularly

Tottenham's chief problem is to find a striker who scores goals regularly. Neither Chris Jones nor Gerry Armstrong have had much success and had it not been for Hoddle's goals, Spurs would not be challenging the leaders.

The absence of winger Peter Taylor since sustaining a stress fracture of the pelvis before the League season started has been a severe handicap.

But Spurs have compensated for his injury and will receive a bonus at Christmas when he is fit enough to return to the squad.

A fit Taylor, and reserves pushing hard for first team places, should give Keith Burkinshaw an abundance of riches that will maintain Tottenham's challenge at the top in the second half of the season.

TOTTENHAM



BACK ROW (left to right): Don McAllister, Glenn Hoddle, Ricardo Villa, Mark Kendall, John Lacy, Colin Lee, Barry Daines, Mark Falco, Gerry Armstrong, Terry Naylor.
 SECOND ROW: Mike Varney (physio), Tony Chambers, Chris Jones, Tony Galvin, Milijs Aleksic, Gary O'Reilly, Paul Miller, George Mazzon, Garry Brooke, Pat Welton (asst. manager), John Wallis (trainer).

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Peter Knowles

I used to be a fan of that fine young Wolves player Peter Knowles, and would like to know what's happened to him?

B. NEWSON,
THIRSK

Well, he's alive, fit, happy, and still playing football — though now only for an occasional kick-about with friends in a local Wolverhampton park.

For he quit the game ten years ago to work for the religious sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses, and felt that modern professional football didn't fit in with his beliefs.

But, technically, he's still a registered Wolves player, and is on their retained list again this season.

Peter, brother of former Spurs and England defender Cyril Knowles, has been perfectly happy to remain out of what he considers to be the rat-race of big-time sport — even though he's lost a small fortune in modern-time earnings from soccer and allied sidelines since he played his 174th and last League game (62 goals) for Wolves against Forest on 6th September, 1969.

Wembley lights

When were the Wembley floodlights first used for an England game?

IAN ROBERTS,
CHELMSFORD

It was the game against Spain on 30th November, 1955, Ian — and, even then, it wasn't originally intended.

This was a Wednesday afternoon two o'clock kick-off — but, towards the end of the game, fog came on to reduce visibility.

So, with the agreement of both sets of officials, Wembley used their floodlights for the first time rather than reduce the closing minutes to a bit of a farce for spectators peering through the murk.

Although England had played a full match under lights against the U.S.A. in New York on 8th June, 1953, this was the first time they'd ever been "lit-up" in a home international.

Debut goals

Is it true a club once scored more than 130 League goals in its first season of professional football?

GRANT MABON,
SELKIRK

Not quite, Grant, but I guess you're thinking of Peterborough.

Their remarkable feat was to score 134 goals in the Fourth Division in their debut-season in the Football League in 1960-61.

That became, and still is, an all-time League record.

Lucky 13

Can you tell me who won the 13th League Championship, the 13th F.A. Cup, and the 13th League Cup?

ROBERT FITCH,
NOTTINGHAM

What's up, Robert — you superstitious or something?

Anyway, the 13th League Champion-

ship (1900-01) was won by Liverpool — just to prove things haven't changed much since — with Sunderland second, and Notts County third.

The 13th F.A. Cup Final (1883-84) was won by Blackburn Rovers, who beat Queen's Park (Glasgow) 2-1.

And the 13th League Cup Final (1972-73) was won by Spurs, who beat Norwich City 1-0.

Bedford draw at Highbury

Is it true that Bedford Town once held Arsenal to a draw at Highbury?

ANDREW CLARKE,
EPPING

Quite right, Andrew — 2-2 in the F.A. Cup Third Round in January, 1956.

And the Southern Leaguers only went down 1-2 to the First Division side in the replay.

SHORT PASSES

● Brian Flynn played 120 League games (eight goals) for Burnley before his transfer to Leeds in November, 1977.
(YVONNE SMITH, Bradford)

● The last League game Manchester United played before the Munich Air Disaster was a 5-4 win over Arsenal at Highbury on 1st February, 1958.
(MARK MASSEY, Cambridgeshire)

● Forest's average home League gate in 1972-73 was 9,995; last season it was 29,587.
(MARTIN THOMAS, Bristol)

● Highest number of goals in a European Cup Final is ten — Real Madrid 7, Eintracht Frankfurt 3 — at Hampden Park, Glasgow, in 1960.
(TEO TECK HOCK, Singapore)

● Brian Clough played in two full internationals for England — the 1-1 Cardiff draw with Wales on 17th October, 1959; and the 3-2 Wembley defeat by Sweden 11 days later.
(SUPAVAS PHUNWUT, Sweden)

● Crystal Palace were founded in 1905, and were elected to the Football League (Div. Three) in 1920.
(FRANK FELIX, Holland)

● Before joining O.P.R. from Leeds this summer, Tony Currie played for Watford and Sheffield United.
(MICHAEL FORBES, N. Ireland)

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A SCOTTISH cap would be the fairytale end to Alan Young's whirlwind romance with soccer stardom. It began with his transfer this summer from Oldham Athletic to Leicester City — and that first cap may not be far away.

"He's a very good player," says Leicester manager Jock Wallace. "He's brave and ambitious with a great professional attitude. He's going to get better and there's even more to come. I predict he'll become a full Scottish international. Jock Stein's already seen him twice this season and he's very impressed."

"I'd heard that Jock Stein had been to watch me," says Young, "I'd love to play for Scotland for my family's sake, especially my dad who's always been behind me when I've needed help."

"At the end of last season I didn't feel Oldham were going anywhere and I was getting restless. I'm 23 now and I'd been there five years. It was time for a move."

Because Young had reached the end of his contract he was able to negotiate his own transfer under the new freedom of contract rules. But the move to Leicester came about almost accidentally.

"Martin Henderson, my childhood friend from Kirkcaldy and best man at my wedding, plays for Leicester and happened to be visiting when I said jokingly, 'How about a move to City?' He told Jock Wallace and the next day I met him and signed. He's a very persuasive man!"

"Jimmy Frizzell, the Oldham manager, told me I was going to a second-rate club, but he is wrong. We're a better team than Oldham both individually and collectively."

Young has struck a torrent of goals this season but he says he's playing the same as he ever did. The difference is Jock Wallace.

"He's sharpened me up, refined me and made me positive in the penalty-area. He's encouraging me to pull the ball down and whack it."

YOUNG'S LUCKY ACCIDENT

"Like the one I scored against Luton Town that was on Match of the Day! Jock Wallace works harder than anybody I've ever seen. He's always in training — always with the players. If you wanted a model for kids to look up to, he'd be the one to choose. He's a great man, a great motivator and he loves the game. He's always totally committed — five-a-sides here are like the Cup Final."

In fact Wallace's arrival brought a steady stream of Scots players to Filbert Street. Up to seven have played in the first team at once as well as an all-Scots back-room staff.

"The practice matches are always Scotland versus England. Scotland always win because we're too good, we've got too much skill!"

"Seriously though, as a people, the Scots want to win more than the English. It's because when we're born we're not given anything, we have to go out and fight for what we want. That's why the Scots are the hardest nation on earth to put down."

"Everything here is geared for success but it doesn't stop there. We're aiming not just for promotion, we want the First Division Championship — even the European Cup. Jock Wallace has done it all before in Scotland and we're going to do it again for him here at Leicester City."



ACCUSED: CHARGE:

STEVE ARCHIBALD DIRTY PLAY

ABERDEEN striker Stevie Archibald was plainly in no mood to mince his words. "Don't call me a dirty player. I won't accept that at all," he blazed.

The Pittodrie marksman is aware that in some circles he is coming in for fierce criticism because of his no-nonsense style of play. He admits frankly: "Yes, I'm a hard player, but I have never kicked anyone deliberately, believe me."

"I don't want that sort of image. I'm competitive, if you like, but if I was kicking people each week I would soon find myself out of a job at Pittodrie."

Archibald was a demon of a player in Aberdeen's League Cup victory over Rangers this season and some of the critics thought he had gone too far.

"That's a load of rubbish," he says. "Why don't you ask the Rangers boys? I was playing against Gregor Stevens and Colin Jackson that night. Sure, there were some hard tackles on both sides, but I didn't hear the Rangers boys complaining and I certainly didn't moan at them when they tackled me."

"It's really infuriating at times. You go out and do a job, we win 2-0, you are happy with the result and the display and then you find people having a go at you when you know you are innocent."

"I won't allow it to interfere with my concentration or let it change my style of play."

"I WOULD BE BETTER OUT OF FOOTBALL IF I COULDN'T PLAY MY NORMAL GAME."

"I'm not even going to compare myself with Denis Law, my favourite player, but what sort of striker would he have been if he had had to alter his footballing style?"

"Denis was a real menace in that penalty box because he believed in getting in where the action is. It's a man's game, there's no mistake about that, when the boots start flying in the box."

"I'm a striker so I spend most of my life in that area. Sure, you get whacked, but that's part of the game, isn't it?"

"I certainly wouldn't expect any defender to pull out of tackles when the ball is in the danger zone. He would soon be out of a job."

"I just want to thunder as many

efforts into the net as I possibly can. That's the way I look at my job. I realise I'll take a lot of knocks in my career, but no one is going to label me a 'cry-baby'."

"The image of being a dirty player naturally upsets me. Once you get a name in football it can stick. I'm only 23, so I feel I have a whole career in front of me. I have no intention of going through it with a 'bad boy' tag."

In SHOOT's view Archibald has a case worth listening to. We have watched him in many games and while we agree that he has a combative approach to the game, there is nothing dirty about his style. It would be terribly wrong if the fans got the wrong idea about one of Scotland's most promising young players.

It could lead him to taking his entrancing, positive, powerful talents to English soccer where his style of play would be better appreciated.

And there would be no talk of him being labelled a hacker or a clogger...



VERDICT: JUDGE:

NOT GUILTY DAVIE HAYES

MORTON'S breathtaking climb to the top this season has stunned Scottish fans. Their challenge has proved a very real one, but captain Davie Hayes took time off leading his side to support Stevie Archibald.

"Normally I wouldn't comment on such a thing," says the rugged Hayes, one of Scotland's most under-rated defenders. "I know some players can argue their own case without any help from another professional."

"However, I have got to side with Archibald. Yes, he's hard. Yes, he's tough. But dirty? Never."

"He is a nuisance to any defence with the amount of buzzing around he does. He'll get into the box, into danger areas and he won't be pushed aside or brushed off."

"Steve's the sort of player every club would like to possess. Oh, sure I've been involved in some tussles with the Aberdeen man. We're guaranteed to meet four times in the League in a season so I suppose it is only to be expected that there is a clash every now and again."

"I'll tell you one thing, though... the boy has never gone 'over the top' to me. And I've never heard any of our lads in the dressing room say he had deliberately fouled them, either."

"It's just his style. He's aggressive and always wants to be involved. That's what he gets paid for and that's what he is good at."

Hayes, himself, has also been tagged a 'hard case' by some critics. "I just laugh when I hear things like that," he says.

'Graceful'

"The most basic part of a defender's job must surely be to be able to tackle and win the ball. What use would I be to the team if I was the most graceful player in the game, yet every left-winger loved playing against me!"

"I know my limitations as far as skill goes. My strength is in my tackling. I won't shirk hard tackles and I admire players who can take a good, solid tackle without making a meal of it."

"The fans tend to see a hard player and immediately confuse the term 'hard' with 'dirty'. It's easily done, I suppose, when two

players collide while going at top speed and they are both sent sprawling."

"It's all, part and parcel of football, I suppose. It's not going to change overnight, so you just have to grin and bear it."

"Actually, the supporters just wouldn't believe what goes on in football right under their noses. In a game this season I prepared to challenge a forward for a high ball and he whacked me in the ribs with his elbow. Muhammad Ali would have been proud of it."

"Thankfully, the referee was watching and awarded Morton a free-kick and had a quiet word with the player who had elbowed me."

"It happened again shortly afterwards and the referee, without making a great fuss of anything, told the player he would book him if he did it again. I thought it was a good bit of refereeing and it helped keep the game flowing because the player obviously got the message and refrained from belting me in the rib cage again!"

Like Stevie Archibald at Aberdeen, Davie Hayes will be concentrating on his football. It's the mark of a true professional.



THEY'LL WANT TO BURY CESAR'S TEAM



ARGENTINA'S manager Cesar Luis Menotti has spoken out against the Argentinian authorities' agreement to participate in the Little World Cup (Copa de Oro) that the Uruguayans are organising.

The tournament aims to bring together all the previous winners of the World Cup (Uruguay, Italy, Brazil, England, West Germany and Argentina) for a two-week tournament in late December, 1980.

Menotti (left), argues that everyone will be trying to beat current Champions Argentina, yet he won't have any time to form a team "capable of defending the country's prestige" as December is mid-summer out there and all the players are usually on holiday or playing the final crucial matches of the National Championship.

So it looks as though Menotti could be fielding another "shadow" team like the one he sent to Europe in September.

USING THEIR LOAF

SPORT of Zurich conducted an international survey to compare admission prices of football matches. They asked correspondents everywhere to compare standing places at football matches with cinema tickets and the price of a one kilo loaf of bread. Spain came out as the most expensive football country with standing tickets three times more expensive than the cinema and equal to ten loaves of bread. Another interesting point to come out was that ticket prices in Czechoslovakia have not increased in ten years.

LEGENDARY Real Madrid and Hungary star, Ferenc Puskas, is continuing his globe-trotting career as a manager with Al Asri in Port Said, Egypt.

WORLD WIDE



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JIMMY Hagan, manager of Portuguese club Vitória of Setubal, is quoted as saying — following his club's defeat 5-1 by Benfica: "Benfica have good players, a good referee and good linesmen. It's very difficult to play against a team of 14 players!"

CURSE LIFTED

COLOMBIAN side América de Cali have great hopes of winning the Closing Championship and so clinch their first ever League title. Their hopes are founded on an astonishing ceremony held in their stadium when a priest publicly exorcised ex-player Benjamin Urrea in front of 60,000 fans!

Apparently when professional football was started in 1948, Urrea's place in the América side was taken by a pro and the club released him.

Furious at his dismissal, Urrea placed a curse on the club, predicting that they'd never win anything. Sure enough, América have failed to win a title in 31 years, and their fans are now hoping that the special ceremony has successfully lifted the curse!

KEVIN Keegan's club Hamburger SV, are claiming £25,000 damages from Spanish club Valencia for failing to honour a contract to play an exhibition match. The game was originally scheduled for mid-August and was given big publicity treatment as a Keegan v Kempes and Bonhof contest, but the Spaniards backed out, offering October 8th as an alternative. But they also backed out of that one, and Hamburg manager Günter Netzer made a lightning trip to Spain to pick up the cash!

CHEAP BRAZILIANS

NUNES, who scored the winning goal for Brazil against West Germany in Hamburg, in 1978, has been sold by Fluminense to Monterrey, of Mexico. The price paid was 300,000 dollars (approx. £150,000), making it yet again quite clear that Brazilian players can be acquired cheaply on the international market.

This also helps to underline the financial crisis that engulfs the Brazilian clubs. Almost all of them are deep in the red and, in desperation, are trying to make some

money out of the radio and television networks.

Games can be broadcast live on the radio and shown on television completely free of charge in Brazil, but the clubs now claim that the commercial networks make a lot of money with the advertising and want a piece of the cake.

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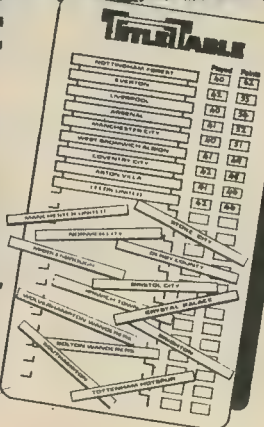
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'MY FUTURE' ~CRUYFF

THOSE of you who wonder what the greatest player in the world is doing playing in the United States, the answer is simple. Johan Cruyff, the 32-year-old Dutch wizard, is once again enjoying his football and while WE may not be happy at being deprived of his unique skills . . . we must understand the sort of pressures that surround the Los Angeles Aztecs ace.

"If I'd gone to Argentina with Holland I would have been captain, star player and interpreter. I would have been away from my family for six weeks, which I didn't want.

"To live with a squad of players in a hotel for such a length of time is very testing. There are always problems and, because we're Dutch, these are big problems.

"I decided to quit the European scene because I'd had enough. I've had a long and successful career. I have no regrets. I'm happy again and I love L.A.

"In America, the result isn't the only thing that matters, unlike in Europe. We have to entertain the fans, to educate them and this is a challenge I love."

Cruyff was speaking at the Cunard International Hotel just before the Aztecs played Chelsea. The insularity of the English Press was highlighted by the fact that only two other repor-



ters bothered to turn up at the conference. It was an insult to Cruyff, but he was happy to speak for as long as we wanted. He is now very much a public relations man as well as a footballer and does just as good a job off the field as he does on it.

"No nation is more sport-minded than the Americans. Once the club directors stop looking for European players so much, and concentrate on the development of Americans stars, things will really take off."

I put it to Cruyff that the young American players could benefit by playing in Europe for a season or two.

"Possibly, yes. But Ricky Davis is playing alongside Franz Beckenbauer at the Cosmos and other Americans are learning similarly.

"One thing is certain — I'll never play for a European club again."

What about stories that Cruyff came back only because some of his business ventures are crumbling?

"I could have earned far more by signing for Arsenal. I've had other offers to play in England. The first time it wasn't allowed.

"As much as I admire Arsenal, with whom I've always had good relationships, it would have been the same as staying in Spain — win, win, win or else.

"I still like to win, but it's not all-important. It gives me satisfaction to know that two years ago there were only a few lines of soccer in the L.A. papers. Now we have half a page. That's progress. I see kids playing soccer in the street. That's progress.

"I shall definitely play again next year for the Aztecs. My aim is to do something for football when I finish playing. Not as a manager or coach, but I'd love to help youngsters. I've never had the time to do this, but I'm sure I'd find it very rewarding."

In the meantime, Cruyff continues to be a truly great player and while he may not be in the limelight as he was, we certainly haven't heard the last of him.

Thank goodness.

SCANDAL IN URUGUAY

A STRANGE and confusing situation has arisen in South America following the arrest in Uruguay of ex-footballer Ernesto Ledesma, charged with "fraudulent dealing in the transfers of football players."

Ledesma admits taking commission on the transfers of three "dud" Uruguayan players to Brazilian clubs and has also admitted that he paid several journalists a rake-off to give falsely glowing reports on the players involved.

One of the journalists has already resigned, and a commission from the Brazilian Association of Sports Reporters is currently in Uruguay in a bid to find out the names of the other journalists involved.

AFTER nine games in the Belgian League, Beerschot are the only unbeaten team — thanks largely to the superb goalkeeping of Polish international Jan "The Clown" Tomaszewski.

"Tomek" was also Beerschot's saviour at the other end of the field against RWD Molenbeek. With one minute to go, RWD were leading 1-0. Beerschot were awarded a corner and Jan raced upfield.

From the kick, he headed the ball on for Haitian striker Emmanuel Sanon to equalise!

"I tried this a few years ago when I was with LKS Lodz," said Tomaszewski, "But I had no luck. This time is come off."

Peter Stephan, general manager of Feyenoord, said in an interview that there was room for only 12 professional clubs in Holland. Right now there are 37.

French Champions Racing Strasbourg lost their unbeaten home record when they were beaten 3-0 by Laval. It was their first home loss in 52 games over a period of three years.

Greek fans of Second Division side Megara have been fanatically protesting against their team's relegation from the professional Second Division to the all-amateur provincial League. First they mounted road-blocks on the Athens-Corinth motorway, and then they took possession of the local railway station, disrupting train services for several hours.

Real Madrid's talented right-winger Juanito has caused a major stir in Spain by admitting that he used drugs during his spell with Burgos in both the Second and First Divisions. The Spanish F.A. has opened an investigation, and it seems only a matter of time before dope-testing is introduced in the Spanish League.

WAC Casablanca have won the Moroccan Cup by beating Chabab Mohammeda 2-1. 70,000 fans, including King Hassan II, watched the match.

Spanish Second Division club Celta have lined their Argentinian goalkeeper Fenoy £1,400 and put him on the transfer list for letting in 11 goals in Celta's first six League games!

A French baker in the town of Montbéliard has offered a free breakfast to the players of First Division Sochaux every time they notch up an away win.

The French police were on the ball when a fan (?) threw a beer bottle on to the pitch during the First Division match between Sochaux and Valenciennes. They spotted the thrower; frog-marched (sorry about the pun) him out of the ground and charged him with disturbing the peace.

BURN-UP IN CHILE

IN Chile, League tail-enders Santiago Wanderers came up with a novel idea for putting an end to their depressing run of bad results. Players, manager and directors got together for a special ceremony . . . of burning all their "unlucky" kit!

The shirts, shorts and socks made a good bonfire, and the Wanderers players took the field for their next League match in brand new kit and full of hope . . . only to lose again!

So their burning desire for a change of luck had been a flaming waste of time and had made an ash of the club's finances!



KRANKL IN TROUBLE

AUSTRIAN goal-ace Hans Krankl (left) is having a torrid time in his second season with Barcelona. The 26-year old striker, who was Europe's top scorer two seasons ago and headed the Spanish charts last term with 29 goals, has lost his scoring touch and was recently dropped by Barcelona manager "Quimet" Rife.

Krankl angrily complained that the team's new style of play didn't suit him and it wasn't his fault if the goals weren't flowing as before.

Then Hans returned from the Scotland-Austria fixture a day late (remember, he scored Austria's goal) and Rife promptly excluded him once again from the team.

"Hans has become too obsessed with scoring goals," says the Barca boss, "and simply isn't pulling his weight in other aspects of the team's performance. And from my point of view he won't play again till he comes to terms with what club discipline means. Of course he's annoyed about being dropped, but professional footballers just have to accept this as a fact of life."

Krankl eventually apologised and was reinstated in the team.

News flashes

Of 24 penalties in the Bundesliga so far, only 12 were goals; nine were saved by the 'keeper, with three spot-kicks going wide.

Christian Kulik, captain of Borussia Mönchengladbach, became the second Bundesliga player to be shown the red card this season; Dave Watson was the first, of course.

Using an experimental side, Argentina have lost four and drawn one of their last six matches.

Russian star Oleg Blokin (below) has completed 200 League games for Dynamo Kiev, scoring 116 goals.

In an effort to stamp out hooliganism, Hamburger SV have banned the sale of alcohol at their municipal stadium.





"Dave Watson in command against Bulgaria in Sofia last June."

'A PRESENT

whatever the opposition. Ron Greenwood won't need to buck us up to remind us of our responsibilities; we're professional enough to do this ourselves.

I can recall only one instance when England under-estimated opposition. Funnily enough, it was in Ron Greenwood's first game, against Switzerland at Wembley a couple of years back. The Swiss drew 0-0 and looked a very capable side with one or two excellent individuals. We are drawn against them for the 1982 World Cup and we certainly shan't make the same mistake again.

Qualification

Just one point from our last two European Championship ties will ensure qualification. I've hoped all along that we could sew the group up before we meet the Republic of Ireland at Wembley. I have enough respect for Johnny Giles' team not to want to get a result next February to decide our fate. If we don't wrap it up against Bulgaria on Wednesday, we'll have only ourselves to blame.

If England play anything like we know we can, Bulgaria won't stand a chance at Wembley. If that sounds like over-confidence, it isn't; my view is based on reality.

England have lost twice in 21 games under Ron Greenwood and only a few months ago beat Bulgaria 3-0 in Sofia.

Bulgaria seem to lose fairly regularly these days, while our confidence is sky high after the 5-1 victory in Belfast.

Having said that, there is no chance of complacency, even though it can be difficult not to be over-confident at times. England are always expected to win anyway, but even more so next week.

I know the England players well enough to realise each is capable of motivating himself in the same way,

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Since then, I hear that Bulgaria have changed manager and many of the side were dropped. When they lost to Eire in Dublin, only two or

Desite their intense rivalry, Ray and Peter Shilton are the closest of



According to the papers, Ron also said that when we qualify he'll give some younger players a chance to show what they can do. Naturally we all want to play in every game, but the manager's thinking is correct. Experience is vital. You never know when a senior player may be injured and it's essential every member of the squad knows what soccer at the highest level is all about.

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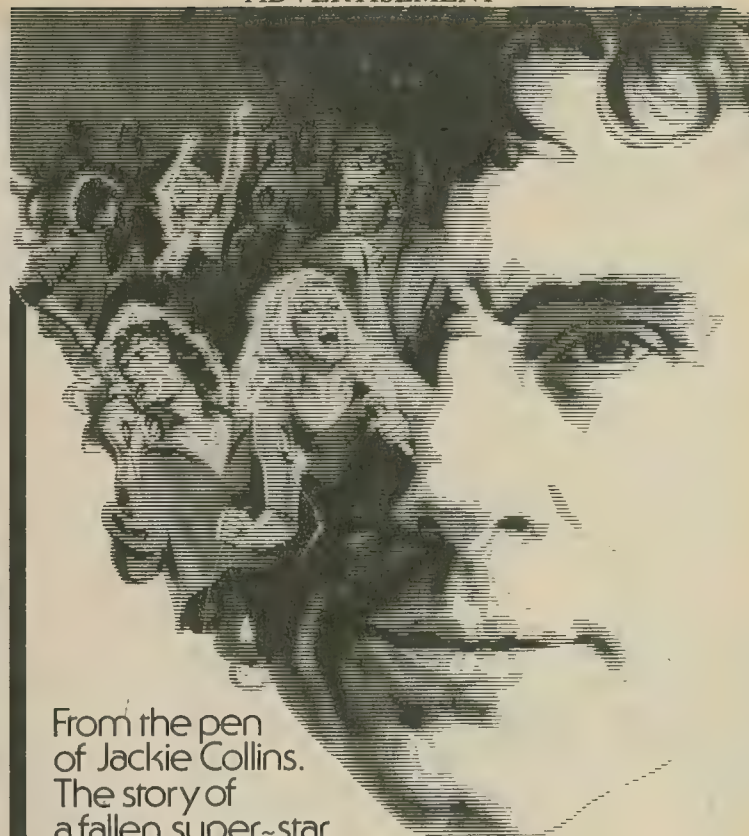
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Did they know it was a hard to avoid an opponent, as Leeds' Alan Curtis (above, light strip) and Ayr's Derek Frye (below, light strip) discover against Liverpool and Hearts.



Coventry's Bobby McDonald is not averse to the odd rugby hold, as Southampton's Mike Channon discovers (above). Paul Hinshelwood of Crystal Palace prefers piggy-back riding, with Bolton striker Alan Gowling his reluctant partner (below).



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Charlton Athletic appointed which former player as team-manager recently?

2. Wolves striker Billy Rafferty (below) was transferred to Newcastle, Sunderland or Middlesbrough for £175,000?



3. Which club recently splashed out £200,000 for Ray Clarke from Bruges?

4. Can you name the two players sent-off, by referee Tony Glasson, during the Millwall/Reading Third Division game at The Den on Tuesday, October 23rd?

5. Geoff Hurst was officially appointed manager of Chelsea recently. Who did he name as his assistant?

6. Portsmouth suffered their first home League defeat of the season when they lost 0-1, 0-2 or 0-3 to Lincoln, Bournemouth or Newport?

7. Bristol City progressed to the Anglo/Scottish Cup Semi-Finals when they beat which Scottish Premier Division club 3-1 on aggregate?

8. Which Tottenham player celebrated his 22nd birthday by scoring the only goal of the game against Nottingham Forest on October 27th at White Hart Lane?

9. Former Blackpool midfielder star Jeff Chandler made his full League debut for which First Division club against Southampton at The Dell recently?

10. Aldershot striker John Dungworth was snapped up by which Second Division side last month?

EUROPEAN CUPS

The Second Round first-leg games in the three European Cup competitions were played recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the matches.

11. Celtic struggled to a 3-2 victory against Dundalk. Where was the game played?

12. Who scored Arsenal's winning goal against Magdeburg at Highbury in the Cup-Winners' Cup?

13. Rangers gained a tremendous 1-1 draw in the same competition with which top Spanish club?

14. Which Ipswich defender played his first competitive game since last Easter in the U.E.F.A. Cup clash with Grasshoppers in Switzerland?

15. Leeds United lost their away leg 0-1, 0-2 or 0-3 to Univ Craiova?

ANSWERS

1. Mike Bailey. 2. Newcastle. 3. Brighton. 4. John Mitchell (Millwall) and Mike Kearney (Reading). 5. Bobby Gould. 6. 0-2 to Newport. 7. Celtic's Parkhead. 8. Glenn Hoddle. 9. Leeds United. 10. Shrewsbury. 11. Celtic's Parkhead. 12. Alan Sunderland. 13. Valencia. 14. Kevin Beattie. 15. 0-2.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1) Pa. 3) Barnes. 7) Watson. 9) He. 10) In. 11) Awful. 13) Me. 14) Flip. 15) Off. 17) Blue. 19) Fife. 20) Alf. 21) Lid. 22) Extend. 24) Dribble. 27) Owls. 30) Body. 31) No. 32) Amazed. 34) Nomad. 35) Yet. DOWN: 1) Panel. 2) At. 3) Bowl. 4) Anfield Road. 5) Nil. 6) Sheffield (Wednesday). 7) Wimbledon. 8) Safe. 12) Up. 15) Oil. 16) Fed. 18) Until. 20) And. 23) Abbey. 25) Bode. 26) Eye. 28) Won. 29) Sam. 33) Ma (Manchester Utd).

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This week's Star Letter comes from Frank Gordon of Leyton, London, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

HODDLE FOR ENGLAND

★ IT would be tragic if Spurs were to release Glenn Hoddle from his responsibilities of midfield general, as he has really blossomed this season.

Hoddle looks a cert for a full England cap. Playing in his best position will enhance his chances of making the grade.

Spurs' midfield of Hoddle, Yorath and Ardiles, reinforced by Villa, is the perfect blend.

● Hoddle is having a fine season, scoring some outstanding goals. I think the biggest reason why Spurs are doing better is that they've tightened up at the back, which makes life easier for those up-front.

Sticks and stones

LAST season Leeds' Ray Hankin supposedly stamped on Ipswich's John Wark, an accident that was highlighted on Match of the Day with severe consequences.

When Southampton met Leeds recently, Alan Ball (below) swore at a linesman. It was plain to see on T.V., even if you couldn't lip read. Match of the Day did NOT highlight this.

The reason is simply because the critics have it in for Leeds.

MARK TAYLOR, HAMBLETON.

● I'd much rather be sworn at than have studs scraped down my leg. Violence must be stamped out before we start worrying too much about industrial language.



Keegan wrong

I'M sure all followers of Millwall were distressed at the bad publicity given to the club on the recent Michael Parkinson show. Lorraine Chase, the Campari girl, said she used to watch Millwall, which prompted Parkie and England skipper Kevin Keegan to make so-called jokes about The Lions' fans.

This was unnecessary and damaging and highlighted the difficulties of losing a reputation. A lot of hard work has gone into making Millwall FC a friendly club and our recent record of crowd behaviour is good.

Meanwhile, it would be nice if Mr Parkinson and Mr Keegan would refrain from making comments about a club they know nothing of.

DANNY MCCARTHY, BRENTWOOD.

● I was surprised that Keegan — normally such a good talker — stooped to such cheap humour. He has since taken back his remarks, saying they were meant only in fun. He should have known better, though.

Moron off

WELL done Gordon McQueen for throwing the so-called fan off the pitch during Scotland/Austria. I hope Gordon's action discourages more mindless morons from invading the pitch in the future.

JON CAMERON, MUSSELBURGH.

● Anyone wishing to tangle with Big Gordon deserves all he gets!

Brady best

I'd like to tell all SHOOT readers that Arsenal aren't a one-man team. Even though Liam Brady is the best player in the world, The Gunners are equally effective when Liam is absent and Graham Rix is the play-maker. Arsenal comprise 11 players, a sub plus Terry Neill and Don Howe.

STEVEN CARROLL, PYTCHLEY.

● Surely ANY team would miss the "best player in the world"?

Pen-Pal

I WOULD like to have pen-pals from England and Scotland to exchange programmes, scarves and other souvenirs.

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WEIGHT: 11st
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MARRIED: To Janet
CHILDREN: No
CAR: Chrysler Horizon
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Arsenal's Liam Brady
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Preston
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They're all easy
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Newcastle United against Brighton, May, 1979. We won 3-1 to clinch promotion
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning promotion to the First Division last season
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing out on promotion two seasons ago
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America
FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian dishes
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Golf, tennis and walking my dog
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Insincere people
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: The Kenny Everett Video Show and Fawlty Towers
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Barry Manilow and Barbra Streisand
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Steve McQueen and Barbra Streisand
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family and the coaching staff at Preston
BEST FRIEND: My wife, Janet
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing matches
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful in life
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To gain success with Brighton in the First Division
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A joiner
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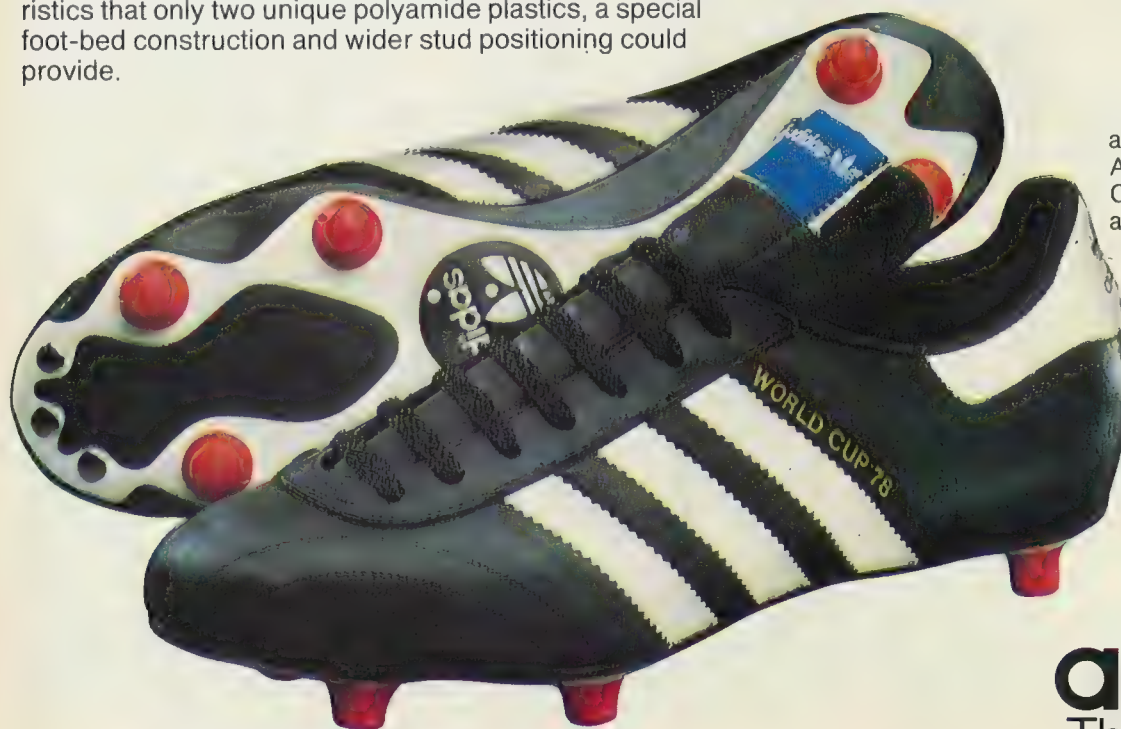
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NORWICH City striker Kevin Reeves used to dream of wearing the famous red and white stripes of Southampton as a youngster.

The England 'B' team star now rated in the £1.5 million bracket was born and bred in Hampshire, and would spend his Saturday afternoons cheering on Saints from the terraces at The Dell.

Yet this Saturday (November 17), Reeves has just one intention — to help Norwich sink Saints when the two surprise teams of the season meet at Carrow Road.

Reeves is as much a Hampshire lad as anyone — and he's fiercely proud of it. Yet his path to the top took him miles away from his much loved home county ... all the way to East Anglia.

Reeves faces Southampton this weekend recalling some of the old Saints favourites of a few years back.

He says: "I used to love watching Ron Davies, Terry Paine and Martin Chivers playing for Southampton. I went there every other week from my home at Burley, in the New Forest. I also went to watch Bournemouth because Burley is right between the two in terms of distance. And it was eventually Bournemouth that I joined because I knew some young lads



Kevin's out to sink Saints

from school in that area who were also at the club.

"That was really the only reason I went there because Saints also offered me trials and I could easily have ended up there. But I chose Bournemouth and was pretty happy with the way things worked out."

Reeves' near miss regarding Southampton might bring tears to the eyes of Saints directors and talent spotters. Southampton, it has now become apparent, missed a rare diamond literally in their own backyard.

Reeves lived in Hampshire for 19 years and he still goes back fairly regularly to see his family and friends. He also follows the exploits of the Hampshire clubs, Southampton, Bournemouth and, perhaps to a lesser extent, Portsmouth. But the whole area is very much a part of Reeves even though he now lives some way from Hampshire.

"I would love to go back there some day," he says. "Whether I might end up at Southampton some day in the future, remains to be seen. But I was very happy with my decision to go to Dean Court, I never had cause to regret that."

"I felt Bournemouth was rather more homely than Southampton. My family and I used to shop in Bournemouth so I knew the area that much better. That was why I opted for them and not Saints but it could easily have been the other way round."

Special

Reeves admits Norwich-Southampton matches are always special for him. "I love to play against Saints," he says. "It certainly means something to be playing against them. When I played down there last year, the locals in my village hired a coach and made the trip up to The Dell specially to watch me play there."

"There are a lot of Southampton supporters in my home village and I always get good natured stick when I go back there. They say 'why don't you come and play for the old Saints', and that sort of thing. It's all good fun, really."

"I still regard myself as a Hampshire boy and I always will. I love that area and village life. Last season, Norwich took three out of four points against Southampton, winning 3-1 at home and drawing 2-2 at The Dell."

"I will be interested to see that side in action on the same field. I think they will do well this season but at the moment they have the same sort of problems as us. Their away form is their biggest worry."

"Everyone seems to hate going to small grounds like Southampton and Norwich and maybe that's why we usually do well at home. But it's a different matter away. As this week's game is at our place, I'm hoping that tradition continues and Norwich get two points."

"I will enjoy beating Southampton — as long as I don't go back to Burley for a week or two afterwards!"



Reeves (left, number 8) and teammate John Ryan against Saints last season. Martin Chivers (far left), a former Norwich and Southampton star.



NEWS

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DESK

THE arrival of Pat Heard at Villa Park in part-exchange for John Gidman created something of a surprise among Aston Villa fans.

Heard, however, is a highly rated player and wins high praise from one of his old Everton colleagues, Mike Pejic.

Pejic said: "Young Pat can play at full-back, midfield or centre-back. Personally, I'm surprised that Everton let him go because he was an excellent product of their home grown talent."

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RELUCTANT WAGE EARNER

BLACKPOOL'S new manager Stan Ternant took a rise in salary... yet hadn't asked for it or expected it.

"I was quite happy to stay on my coaching salary until the end of the season, until I'd proved myself," he says.

"Then the board called me in and asked me to accept an increase to bring me in line with the amount my predecessor, Bob Stokoe, was earning at Bloomfield Road.

"I didn't ask for this. Nor did I ask them for the reassurance that if all goes well this season they will offer me a contract for a further two years. To the directors' credit, they just did it."

I also understand that if Pool win promotion, he will be offered yet another increase to fall in line with Second Division standards.



Republican Hughton's debut

TOTTENHAM'S exciting young full-back Chris Hughton (above) wasted no time in grabbing the opportunity to win his first international cap.

He chose to play for the Republic of Ireland on the strength of parentage. Chris's mother comes from Limerick in Southern Ireland, and he is therefore qualified to play for that country.

He made his debut for the Republic in their 3-2 victory over the United States, at Dublin last month.

Chris has progressed quickly. He became a full-time professional at White Hart Lane shortly before the start of the season, and until two months ago had never played a Football League match.

● Paddy Mulligan gained his 50th cap for the Republic against the United States when he substituted for Jeff Chandler (Leeds United) at half-time.

● Notts County trainer Jack Wheeler made Football League history when he attended the club's Second Division game against Preston, at Meadow Lane on November 10th. Jack completed 1,000 League games without a break since joining the staff in 1957.

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SUNDERLAND have received grants totalling £154,547 from the Football Grounds Improvement Trust for safety work carried out at the Roker Park ground.

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● Third Division Swindon have finally lived down the penalty jinx that cost them promotion last season.
● Last season they set up an unenviable Football League record by missing seven spot-kicks in a row.
● And the penalty hoodoo struck again this season when Brian Williams had his spot kick saved by Chester 'keeper Brian Lloyd.
● But then skipper Ray McHale insisted on taking over the penalty chore and promptly netted from the spot twice in three games against Sheffield Wednesday and Grimsby.
● "And I feel confident enough to go on taking them," said McHale. "If the goalkeeper guesses right he's always got a chance but I can't see us missing as many penalties as we did last year."

STOKE SPY ON SCOTTISH STAR CLARKE

PAUL CLARKE (right, stripes) Scottish League Kilmarnock's centre-half, could be on his way to Stoke City before the end of the season.

The First Division club's manager Alan Durban believes Clarke could be a candidate to replace City's veteran defender Denis Smith.

Stoke's Scottish scouts have spied on Clarke on several appearances at Rugby Park and Durban could make a move for the Scottish Premier Division "strongman" before Christmas.

Denis Smith, one of the First Division's most experienced defenders, has made almost 400 appearances for the Potteries club. He is still playing well but Durban knows that he must look to the future to consolidate after Stoke's promotion from the Second Division at the end of last season.



THE power of television helped Rangers goalkeeper Peter McCloy save Rainer Bonhof's penalty-kick when Rangers played Valencia in the first-leg, Second Round European Cup-Winners' Cup-tie.

McCloy watched Bonhof take two penalties on television and stored the knowledge. The Rangers' keeper said: "I noted that he blasted his shot and hit them fairly straight." His observation worked. He saved the penalty.

DAVE Bacuzzi, the manager of Home Farm has a problem trying to identify two of his players. Identical twins Derek and Jeremy Cleary, aged 19, have identical playing styles and both are wingers. No doubting who was the happiest father in the stand at the Eire-Bulgaria game in Dublin recently.
Christy O'Leary must have felt proud as he watched his two young sons play together at the heart of the Irish defence. 18-year-old Pierce of Shamrock Rovers linked up with big brother David in the back-four. Afterwards their father said that he could die happy now!

New Saint

DISAPPOINTED when Orient failed to sign him as an apprentice professional, David Madden remembered an article about Southampton's London Soccer Centre in SHOOT.

So he wrote to the Centre's chief coach Bob Higgins and asked for a trial.

Bob soon recognised his potential and eventually sent him down to Southampton who readily signed him as an apprentice.

David is the tenth player from the Centre to join the First Division club, the most notable of which are Steve Williams and Austin Hayes.

Saints have also recently signed Michael O'Donoghie, who was playing in the Isthmian League for Wembley last season, as a full pro.

NABBED! A STREAKER

CATCHING criminals and booking motorists is just part of a British policeman's duty.

Controlling crowds at football matches is another important aspect of the average "Bobby's" beat.

Fortunately, police responded quickly to throw a coat over the shoulders of a woman "streaker", who raced on to the pitch during the Liverpool-Everton derby this season. Only one problem — they covered the daring woman's front, but not her back!

Some policemen do not even enjoy the pleasure of a free-seat inside the ground. Our candid camera spotted two uniformed football fans (left) taking a free peek at the Brighton-Leeds United game at the Goldstone Ground.

Good luck to them. Our policemen deserve any perk they get for undertaking the arduous task of controlling fans on match days.



PENDREY'S BACK IN THE BIG-TIME

GARRY Pendrey (right) had every right to believe his career was on the wane when West Bromwich Albion bought him from Birmingham as "cover" for injured first team players.

But the 30-year-old defender is on the verge of an unexpected renaissance following his distinguished first team debut for Albion in their 4-0 home defeat of Southampton.

He was drafted into the team as replacement for the injured Ally Robertson and could well be given an extended run this season.

Pendrey, as modest as ever, said: "It's always easier to play well when the rest of the team are playing well around you. I had a particularly difficult time at St Andrews last season.

"Because of injuries and suspensions, I only played about 16 first team matches last season. That obviously has some effect on your confidence.

"But I have been more than pleased with the way things have gone since I moved across to Albion.

"The other players are so easy to get on with. They've made me feel welcome."

Pendrey reveals that when Ron Atkinson brought him to The Hawthorns he wanted him to play in the reserves, helping the younger players. Prospects of a first team place were remote.



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Paul Bowles (Crawley to Port Vale)
Jim Branagan (Huddersfield to Blackburn)
Ray Clarke (Bruges to Brighton)
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Ian Edwards (Chester to Wrexham)
John Gidman (Aston Villa to Everton)
Nikolai Jovanovic (Belgrade Red Star to Man. Utd.)
Paul McGee (Q.P.R. to Preston)
Barry Powell (Coventry to Derby Co.)
John Ostergaard (Ikast (Den.) to Charlton)
Billy Rafferty (Wolves to Newcastle)
Wilf Roston (Sunderland to Watford)
John Sims (Exeter to Plymouth)
Eric Steele (Brighton to Watford)
David Stride (Chelsea to Memphis (U.S.))
Tommy Sword (Bishop Auckland to Stockport)

MANAGERS

Geoff Hurst appointed manager Chelsea;
Bobby Gould assistant manager.
Mike Bailey appointed team-manager Charlton.
Harry Potts resigned as manager Burnley.
Brian Miller appointed manager Burnley.
Dave Hatton resigned as manager Bury.

● LATEST Eire youth to join Liverpool is Ronnie Whelan. Ronnie left amateurs Home Farm for the professional set-up at Anfield.
● Aston Villa's Terry Donovan won his first Eire cap against Czechoslovakia recently. His father Don also played for Eire. The Donovans are the fifth father and son to play for Eire.

McGarvey move?

ABERDEEN manager Alex Ferguson may be ready to step in with an offer for Liverpool's out-in-the-cold striker Frank McGarvey.

The Pittodrie boss, who introduced McGarvey to senior soccer while both were with St Mirren, admits to having made contact with Liverpool.

Ferguson recently picked up £80,000 from Celtic for midfielder Dom Sullivan that will help bolster any cash he has at his disposal.

Ironically, Celtic have already been linked with the player who admits to having been a Parkhead fan in his schooldays.

HUNT'S A WORRIED MAN

STEVE HUNT (below) who built a reputation as a goalscorer in American soccer, is worried that his goal-knack has deserted him at Coventry.

He failed to score in the first two months and admits that his loss of form is baffling following his 20 odd goals for the Cosmos.

The former Aston Villa player, who decided to return to England after his success in American soccer, is not too concerned because he has at last established a regular place in the Coventry side.

He said: "This is what I aimed to achieve when I returned. Last season was not too successful but I put this down to the fact that I had played soccer non-stop for nearly two years."



RISING starlet Billy Mackay looks like becoming a big hit at Glasgow Rangers. And the man Billy can thank for getting him to Ibrox is... ex-Celtic star Tommy Gemmell.

Tommy, now Dundee manager, was a member of a Boy's Brigade company in Motherwell when he was a schoolboy. In charge of the boys was Billy's father.

When Billy was offered terms by Rangers, his father immediately contacted Tommy and asked his advice.

Tommy said they should not hesitate to take up the offer from a club as big as Rangers... and now winger Billy is mighty glad he listened.

● Former Eire international Noel Campbell has had to quit the game because of a knee injury. The 29-year-old Dubliner had spent the last eight seasons with Fortuna Cologne and he won the last of his ten caps against Bulgaria two years back.

● Limerick United have the most consistent goalkeeper in the League of Ireland. Kevin Fitzpatrick has 20 years unbroken service with the Shannonsiders.

● Bobby Moncur, the Carlisle manager has recommended his 6 foot 3 inch striker Paul Bannon to Eire's assistant-manager Alan Kelly.

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● West Ham star Jimmy Neighbour boasts a remarkable appearance record with his previous clubs, Tottenham and Norwich. Winger Jimmy played exactly 104 full League games for both clubs. Now he is hoping for his third "ton" with The Hammers.

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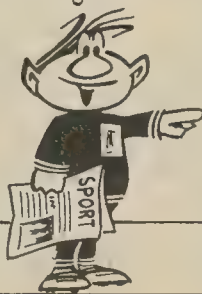
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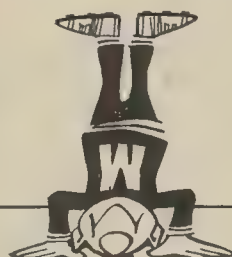
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Kenny Dalglish cannot do it all on his own, as seen here against the Austrians.

'URGENT... DALGLISH NEEDS HELP'

I WAS tempted to describe the November 21 date with Belgium in Brussels as Scotland's most important international match for years ... but somehow every game we play is called "vital".

However there is no denying how urgent victory is in this European Championship match. Brilliance in defeat is no good; even a brave draw is hopeless; Scotland must get two points, no matter how they play.

Failure to defeat Austria despite a sparkling display at Hampden means that Scotland must win their three remaining games — against Belgium home and away and Portugal at Hampden — to ensure we join England in the Finals of the competition in Italy next summer.

Can we do it? Of course we can ... but it will be tough.

The main problem, as was proved against Austria, is finding someone who can put the ball in the back of the net with some consistency.

Austria disappointed. I felt they came to Glasgow looking for the draw they got and they were far from the side who delighted in Argentina in last summer's World Cup Finals.

The performance of Austrian goalkeeper Koncilia was pretty well overlooked in the Group Two Hampden tie, but there is no denying his brilliance at saving a number of Scottish shots, all of which were on target.

Nevertheless, the cold fact remains ... we only scored once and that was from a midfield



player, Archie Gemmill.

We need to sort out a partner for Kenny Dalglish, although to tell the truth I am not utterly convinced that I know just who that should be.

Andy Gray or Joe Jordan maybe, but my big worry then is that we might sacrifice all the brilliant football that we have been playing on



the ground since Jock Stein took over, for the incessant high ball.

I don't want to see the on-the-ground magic going out the window.

Against Brazil in the 1974 World Cup we tried to find big Joe Jordan in the air all the time and their defence just wiped it up by standing in front of Joe.

What other candidates are there? There are those who will shout for Morton's unsettled Andy Ritchie. But while there is no doubting the Player of the Year's ability and skill, I feel that a vital Championship match is the wrong time to try him.

Whatever else people say, there can be no denying that we have not had a regular goalscorer since Denis Law packed it in.

I don't want to dwell too long on any problems Scotland have at the other end of their team, i.e. the goalkeeping situation. It was a terrible mistake Alan Rough made against Austria, but Alan doesn't need anyone to tell him that.

And it also doesn't make him a bad goalkeeper. However, perhaps the time is ripe for a change, time to give Alan a one match rest. And why not give David Harvey, who has performed so well for Scotland in the past, another chance?

There is no doubting that we have a goalkeeping jinx, but that will all have to be forgotten against the Belgians. We have to win and I think we will. That necessity will be a spur for Scotland because if we just needed a draw we might fall between two targets. It is victory or bust and that is OK by me.

Meanwhile away from the international front things have been happening at Parkhead ... and most of them good.

We have set an early pace at the top of the Premier Division and were quite delighted to beat Rangers on the last Saturday of October.

That game was a debut match for Dom Sullivan, signed only the previous day from Aberdeen for £80,000 and he starred in it, despite the fact that it must have been one of the most foreboding debuts ever.

Perhaps the fact that Dom did not have all that much time to think about it helped, but whatever, he was outstanding.

And finally I was delighted to accept a special award from Rothmans for my "contribution to sport". I was presented with a beautiful clock just before our European Cup game against Dundalk. A timely gift!

See you in two weeks ...

Danny McGrain

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IS LIVERPOOL'S

COULD Liverpool's domination of English football be over? Soccer fans throughout the country are asking that question a third of the way through the 1979-80 season.

As Liverpool lost their First Round European Cup-tie to Russian Champions Dinamo Tbilisi, the rumours gathered momentum. But it wasn't just in Europe that Liverpool were slipping.

After that stunning Charity Shield massacre of Arsenal, Liverpool could manage only an average home draw with Bolton in their opening League game. Then, away defeats at places like Nottingham Forest and Southampton, raised further questions about Bob Paisley's side.

No one on *SHOOT* is suggesting Liverpool won't win the Championship this season. Indeed they may win several more within the course of the next few seasons. But the key question remains — is Liverpool's total domination of the entire English soccer scene nearing an end? As sides like Wolves, Crystal Palace and Southampton showed exciting early season form, Liverpool seemed to be under increasing threat at the summit of English football.

We asked four First Division stars for their views on the subject... and then talked to Liverpool's own Ray Kennedy for his comments.



'BETTER THAN LAST SEASON'

JOHN WILE
W.B.A.

If anything, I think Liverpool have added another dimension to their play this season, making them even better than they were in 1978-79. So I certainly wouldn't think they are ready to lose their top place in England yet — as I say, I believe they may be better than before.

We played them in the second game of the season and I felt they had added an awful lot with one or two passes, much quicker than they were doing last season. Then, they were taking three or four passes to make the same switch but we felt they were doing it much quicker this time.

I think most sides now trying to get to where Liverpool are have been using their styles. They have also been trying to build up their squads just as Liverpool did with theirs several years ago — and we have all been paying them the greatest compliment. That means we are still trying to get to the stage where they are — but I don't think anyone can claim to have done so by any means.

Personally, I feel it is being presumptuous to say they may be on the downward slope. The teams we have played so far this season haven't impressed me all that much but Liverpool always do. From what I've seen of supposed leading sides this season, I wouldn't say they are catching up with Liverpool.

And their recent form with fine wins against Manchester City and Wolves indicates they're going to take some stopping again this season.



'AS GOOD AS EVER'

BRIAN FLYNN
Leeds United

LIVERPOOL over the top? Far from it. If they are not in the top three at the end of the season, I will be very surprised. We met them at Elland Road earlier this season and drew 1-1. To me, they looked the same as ever... they were playing the same way as they did last season and were just as hard to get past.

The thing is, teams like Crystal Palace, Manchester United, Wolves and Southampton have had great starts. But it is a long, long season and over 42 games, I reckon most people would pick them to win the Championship.

As far as I see, there is no difference in Liverpool 1979-1980 version to that of previous years. I don't believe they have changed and I don't reckon they are any less effective than they used to be. One result doesn't end a season and although they lost that early European Cup-tie, it doesn't mean their season is at an end.

I do feel they have lost something since Heighway went out of the side. I know he wasn't an out and out winger but he did give them a little extra width. I think they may be missing him more than they would probably care to admit.

The answer is, their domination is still there and will remain so until another side starts getting used to winning trophies. And none of the sides that started the season well, are yet good enough to replace Liverpool.



REIGN OVER?

'IN A CLASS OF THEIR OWN'

PHIL BOYER
Southampton

I JUST don't think the other teams are good enough to be put alongside Liverpool. I believe the Anfield side are still in a class of their own and that means they still dominate the English football scene.

We beat Liverpool 3-2 at The Dell early in the season — but we were fortunate. They deserved at least a point and could have got two. They played ever so well against us and from that and some other displays they've given this season, I think they will retain their title.

They are catching up again after a poor-ish start by their remarkable standards. They have such a strong squad of players that even when they get injuries, they have others who can come in. Some of the other sides in contention may have strong TEAMS but there is a world of difference between that and a strong SQUAD. It is squads that win you the League Championship, not teams because injuries can wreck a side's hopes unless they have strength in depth.

I think most of the supposed rivals to Liverpool will struggle once they get a few injuries. That's where Liverpool's strength counts for so much. That is the difference between them and everyone else.

I have a feeling that Liverpool could come good any time . . . and stay good. And if they get into the sort of run they are quite capable of, then it will be hard for anyone to live with them.



'FOREST OR US FOR THE TITLE'

says **RAY KENNEDY**

RAY Kennedy thinks the doom watchers are premature. He says: "People are right to be looking for signs of a decline because it has to happen sometime. "But this isn't it. There are too many good players here for it to happen."

"I've known a few crises at Anfield before but this isn't too serious as we proved with our winning 4-0 performance at Manchester City. The players have stopped working for each other, which is normally our greatest strength. But once that's put right, we'll be okay."

Kennedy was shattered when the team were knocked out of the European Cup in the First Round for the second year running. For him, regaining the trophy was the number one priority of the season.

But Dinamo Tbilisi held Liverpool to a 2-1 win at Anfield — a game Kennedy missed — and then won 3-0 in the second-leg.

"I wanted us to win the European Cup again, to prove that we're the best team. Now we'll have to make sure we retain our League title."

"I really don't see any serious threat from the likes of Crystal Palace and some of the other early season leaders. I've seen so many high-flyers fade away."

"In the end, I think it will be Forest and ourselves battling it out."

The medal Kennedy would really like now is one marked 'Winners, 1982 World Cup'. But before he can even think about that, he's got to win his way back into Ron Greenwood's England team.

He was dropped from the squad for the first time against Denmark in September and now faces an uphill struggle to prove himself again.

"I was quite relieved when I was dropped because I'd been mucked about so much. I kept turning up for squads and finding myself left out of the team. Many times, I wasn't even on the substitute's bench."

"I know a lot of people will say a player should be grateful just to be in an England party but when you've been a regular member of the team, it's hard to take when you're left out."

"I got very disillusioned and when I was first dropped, I wasn't too bothered."

"Now, I realise I want to play for England and I'm determined to get back into the team."

"I know that it's up to me. And if I work at it and want it enough, then I can do it."

'STILL THE YARDSTICK FOR OTHERS'

DAVE SWINDLEHURST
Crystal Palace

WE don't play Liverpool until just before Christmas so it's harder for me to say one way or the other how they are likely to do this season. Looking from some way off, I'd say it is dangerous to write them off after 13 games.

I must admit they had a few bad results early on. But maybe the people who say they are falling from their peak would like to think that. It doesn't mean they really are. They would like to think they are over the top, us included. I can tell you this — no one at Selhurst Park believes Liverpool are finished or anything near it.

I do feel it will take a while to really find out whether they're as good as in previous years. Until it has been proved they aren't as good as before, I don't think you can say their domination is over.

If I had to pick a side to win the First Division title at this stage, it would be Liverpool. I'd pick them without the slightest doubt. It is still very tight and is probably far too early to discuss anyone's chances. It's certainly much too early to write them off, knowing what sort of form they are capable of.

As far as the other hopefuls are concerned, I'm sure Liverpool would like nothing better than to be written off. If people do that they will pick up a lot of points. That's what they are hoping we will all do, I'm sure.



BIRMINGHAM City's line-up in 1979-80 barely resembles the side which slid into the Second Division last season after seven years in the top flight.

Gone from the St. Andrews scene are Trevor Francis, Alberto Tarantini, Alan Buckley, Gary Pendrey, Jim Montgomery and Stewart Barrowclough.

But if Jim Smith took his time in bringing fresh faces to Birmingham there can be little doubt that Blues' boss has spent wisely.

With the £1 million sale of Francis, Smith has not only put the club on a firm financial footing but, in effect, has bought seven players.

Alan Curbishley, Tony Evans, Jeff Wealands, Terry Lees, Archie Gemmill, Colin Todd and Willie Johnston have all been recruited to swell the squad Smith hopes will take the club straight back into Division One at the first attempt.

Slipped

After early setbacks against Fulham and Sunderland the side slipped into gear with a 2-1 win at Cardiff and went eight League games without being beaten.

The run came to an end at Wrexham, but Smith remains confident that his new-look team can match any side in the Second Division.

Jim Smith knows all about the Second Division from his Blackburn days and if Blues are to continue with their promotion push, they must get their priorities right.

"We must get consistency into our play. We have got to follow the examples set by Liverpool and Nottingham Forest," he said. "Consistency is the key note and our results show that this is something we are fast achieving."

"But I feel that our play and our build up has warranted more goals — particularly earlier on in the

CLUB SPOTLIGHT



JIM SMITH

season when we could have made the games far easier for ourselves.

"With having four strikers to call on in Keith Bertschin, Don Givens, Tony Evans and Steve Lynex, we shouldn't have this problem. Apart from Lynex the other three are failing to score regularly, although in fairness Tony Evans has been sidelined through injury."

"But I'm still confident that

when we do perm two from four, then the goals will come. It's a problem that I feel will be ironed out very shortly.

"And, of course, we are looking for goals from our midfielders as well. They must be relied upon to get on the scoresheet regularly."

Smith is basically very pleased with the way the team has settled down after the changes.

"The new signings are fitting in better than we anticipated," he said.

"We've moulded together quite well. We've been fortunate because last season we suffered a lot of injuries and, touch wood, they have been kept to a minimum this time."

"We're playing good positive football. Wingers Alan Ainscow and Willie Johnston have adapted well to our 4-2-4 system. We've got the leadership on the pitch now with Archie Gemmill. He's done a wonderful job and Jeff Wealands in goal has performed tremendously."

"I'm not totally satisfied with

the season so far because we haven't put the icing on the cake in terms of goals from the football we are producing.

"Nevertheless, the signs are good and we are progressing with each game, and this delights me."

"It's a competitive atmosphere at St. Andrews. We have around 18 players who are all capable of playing in the first team. I feel that the pool is good enough, but you've got to turn it on every Saturday."

Smith has a lot of time for the fans at St. Andrews.

"They're tremendous. They've stood by the club and by me," he said. "Our aim is to reward them."

"They're coming to the ground in reasonable numbers now. I think if we can provide a consistently successful and attractive team, then we can pull in very big crowds."

And Jim Smith is particularly appreciative that those fans have accepted the sale of former St. Andrews superstar Trevor Francis.

"The side were obviously heading for the Second Division when we released Trevor last season. To make him stay would have brought no benefit to either club or player, and the money we got from Nottingham Forest has been of great benefit."

"I mean no disrespect to Trevor when I say we are better off without him. Looking realistically at the situation, seven players have got to be better than one, no matter how good he is. And I firmly believe those seven will help us back to our rightful position in the First Division."

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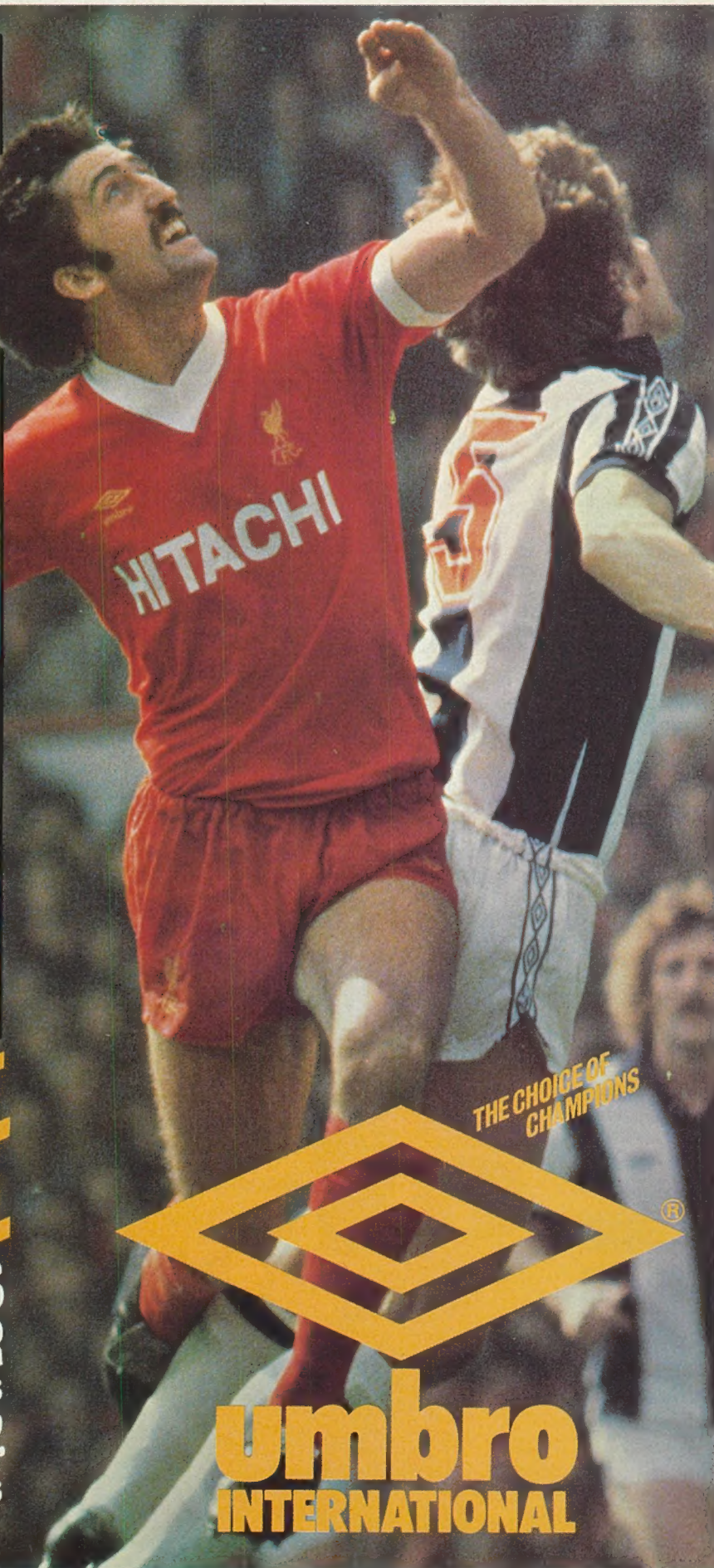


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